

Proceedings of the Fourth Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled after the Second General Election under the Sovereign Democratic Republican Constitution of India

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A.M. on Saturday the 30th August, 1958.

PRESENT

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah, B.A., LL.B., Speaker in the Chair, the nine Ministers, the four Deputy Ministers and eighty-five Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Tinsukia Railway Station

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

*31. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that Tinsukia is the highest revenue paying station in the North East Frontier Railway ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that this Railway station is situated in a heavily rained area ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that this Railway station is without a shed to protect the large number of passengers from rain and sun ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to move the Railway Board of the Government of India to construct sheds at Tinsukia Railway station as early as possible ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

31. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—This is not a fact. One Upper Class Waiting Room measuring 22'-10" × 17'-6½" are provided and in addition, two covered verandahs each measuring 56'-9" × 10'-3" are also available at the Station.

(d)—Yes. So far as platform covering is concerned.

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi): Whether Government is aware that almost all the Railway Stations in Dibrugarh Subdivision, like Dibrugarh itself and also Digboi, Margherita are without any such sheds and even without waiting rooms for the Third Class passengers?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: It may be so, Sir, since the hon. Member is saying this from his personal knowledge.

Oil Refinery

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

*32. Will the Minister-in-charge of Major Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the representative of the State Government of Assam had discussions with the Union Government regarding the size, nature and location of the Oil Refinery to be set up in Assam?

(b) If so, what was the result?

(c) Whether it was tentatively decided as a result of discussion to have a single big Refinery as near the new oil fields as possible?

(d) What was the difficulty in choosing as the Refinery site a place between Dihingmukh and Desangmukh, which has more or less stable river bank and is not only capable of being developed into a river port but can easily be linked with the oil fields, which are very near, and with the rest of Assam by road and by rail?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Major Industries) replied :

32. (a)—Yes. But discussions were mainly for the purpose of securing a large Refinery for Assam.

(b)—The economics and the advantages of having a large Refinery in Assam were explained to the authorities of the Government of India with the recommendations of the Government of Assam.

(c)—No. The Government of India promised to examine the matter from all points of view.

(d)—Neither the Refinery site Enquiry Committee of the Government of India nor the International Petroleum Consultants recommended any place between the Dihingmukh and Desangmukh, probably because all the requirements regarding extreme stability of the bank, proximity to different lines of communication, etc., were not answered by any place between Dihingmukh and Desangmukh. Furthermore, it is the technical advice that the Refinery should be located at a place west of the westerly limits of the probable future oil fields.

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh): Has it been tentatively decided to locate the Oil Refinery at Silghat ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : So far as the Expert Committee's report is concerned, on which the decision is to be made, it has not been made public, but we understand that it is in favour of Amingaon.

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR: Will the Government place the report of the Expert Committee before the House ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: That was submitted to the Government of India and not to us, Sir.

Amount of Agricultural Loan sanctioned for Kamrup District

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampnr) asked :

*33. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) What is the amount of Agricultural loan sanctioned for Kamrup this year ?

(b) What is the number of applicants for such loan ?

(c) How much has been disbursed up-till now ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

33. (a)—Rupees 1,50,400 has so far been sanctioned as agricultural seed and cattle loans for Kamrup District this year.

(b) & (c)—The information are being collected.

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh): Is it still the practice of the Government to distribute agricultural loan through the Revenue Department?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : Yes, Sir.

New site for Dibrugarh Government High School

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*34. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of the difficulty of the students and staff of the Dibrugarh Government High School caused by the erosion of the school buildings by the Brahmaputra in 1954?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the question of re-constructing the buildings of this institution is receiving active attention of the Government?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge of Education as well as the Deputy Minister-in-charge of Education visited Dibrugarh separately to finalise a site for this purpose during the last few months?

(d) Whether it is a fact that three different sites were pointed out to these Ministers, viz., (i) present site where the School is at present temporarily accommodated; (ii) a site on land belonging to M/s Jalan in Chowkidinghee; and (iii) a site at Malakhubasa on land belonging to the Government and Dibrugarh Municipality?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Government will not be required to incur any tangible expenditure for land if the site of this High School is selected either at present site or at Malakhubasa ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that a sum of about Rs.1,75,000 would be required to be spent by the Government for land only if a site at Chowkidinghee is selected ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the site pointed out at Malakhubasa is sufficiently spacious but none of the Ministers visited this site personally although it was pointed out to them by a Member of this House that it would save about Rs.1,75,000 if the school is located there ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied.

34. (a) — Yes.

(b) — Yes.

(c) — Yes, they visited to see a suitable place and to finalise the same.

(d) — Four different sites were pointed out to the Deputy Minister of Education, viz., (i) the present site where the School is accommodated ; (ii) one site on Mankata Road ; (iii) one site on Convoy Road and (iv) one site at Malakhubasa. The Deputy Minister of Education visited these sites.

(e) — It may be so with regard to the Malakhubasa site. But all the leading men objected to this site being at a distance and out of the way place from the town. The land at the present site will be about 4 bighas and unsuitable for the School. Besides the buildings which are in bad condition and belong to the Medical Department.

(f) — It may be near about that.

(g) — This site was shown to the Deputy Minister of Education by the Questioner himself, but it was found to be very unsuitable.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Whether the Deputy Minister in-charge knows that the site at Malakhubasa is nearer the present site of the school than the site belonging to M/S Jalan at Chowkidinghee ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: It is not nearer to the present site, Sir. Now the question is that all the leading men including the local M.L.As. preferred Chowkidinghee and considered it to be the best site.

Bortala Venture High English School**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra)** asked :

*35. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Venture School in the name of Bortala Venture H. E. School under Sibsagar Subdivision has received an amount of Rs.3,750 as storm damage grants for 1957-58 ?
- (b) Whether the name of the said School is in the list of storm-damaged Schools prepared by the Director of Public Instruction ?
- (c) Whether the name of the said School was duly recommended ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the said amount is the second instalment of the grant ?
- (e) If so, whether the first instalment was drawn by the said School ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

35. (a)—The Headmaster and Secretary of the School has reported that the School has received an amount of Rs.3,750, as storm damage grant during 1957-58, under authority of Education Department letter No.ESS. 64/57/Part/305, dated 4th March 1958.

No such grant was, however, sanctioned to this School. The matter is under enquiry.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—No information, refer to (a) above.

(e)—No information.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): ইয়াত যিবোৰ বেমেজালি হৈছে, সেই বিষয়ে তদন্ত কৰিবনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: সেই বিষয়ে তদন্ত কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur): Regarding the storm damage grants there are anomalies in other Subdivisions also regarding the names of the schools. Will the Government enquire into the matter thoroughly.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: Yes, Sir. That is being done;

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)
May I know whether any action has been taken to remove the anomalies?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education):
Action is being taken, Sir, in this direction. Unfortunately some mistakes occurred. For instance there was a grant for the Borkhola School; now 'k' was converted into 't' (*laughter*) and it became Borthola School in place of Borkhola. We do not know whether it was done intentionally or unwittingly. So the matter is under investigation.

Spun Silk Mill in Assam

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)
asked:

*36. Will the Minister-in-charge of Major Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating not to instal the proposed spun silk mill?

(b) If so, why?

(c) If not, when it is going to be installed?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Major Industries) replied:

36. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Land has been acquired and made over to Public Works Department. Sanction for the construction of the buildings has been issued to Public Works Department. Tenders for supply of machineries have been accepted and a provisional contract signed with the selected suppliers. Applications have been made for Essentiality Certificate and Import License to get machineries and plants from Japan. As soon as they are received firm orders with the suppliers will be placed. It will take at least 6 months for the machineries, etc., to reach India. Erection of the plants and machineries will take 6 months. For India made machineries and plants tenders have been accepted. From all these it will be seen that the mill cannot go into production earlier than December, 1959, even if time schedule which I have announced is adhered to.

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA: Is the Minister aware that the Governments of West Bengal and Bihar have been trying to set up Spun Silk Mill in their States if our proposal is not materialised early?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Major Industries): Yes.

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi): Does the Minister know that if the deal was finalised in 1957 with the Japanese Firm the cost on this account would have been at least 6 lakhs less and the mill could have started production by now?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: I think it is known to the hon. Member that global tenders were called for this purpose and two Japanese Firms and one from England, *viz.*, M/S Greenwood Batley sent tenders, and naturally we had to permit for all this required time. This procedure which we have followed is of paramount importance and naturally it was difficult to place the order without following this procedure. I think we have not lost anything in following the procedure at all.

Assistance to cultivators due to cattle epidemic

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

*37. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that as a result of heavy cattle mortality due to epidemics, large paddy growing areas will remain fallow this year?
- (b) What steps Government is proposing to take so that the fields do not remain fallow?
- (c) Whether it is possible to assist farmers with modern implements for cultivation?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied:

37. (a)—Government are aware that cattle mortality has occurred in the State due to epidemics, but they do not apprehend that paddy growing areas will remain fallow for this reason.

(b)—Government have already issued during the current financial year a loan of about Rs.10,00,000 to the cultivators for purchasing cattle alone and a loan of Rs.71,00,000 has issued to cultivators for agricultural purposes including purchase of cattle through the Co-operative.

(c)—It is not possible at this stage.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): গোট্টেই Starred question বিলাক আজি শেষ দিনত আহিছে, উপপ্রশ্ন কবিলে সময় হব জানো—(হাঁহি)।

Erosion of Sibsagar Town by Dikhow

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*38. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the Sibsagar town is severely threatened by the Dikhow river at 11th mile (right bank) by annual erosion ?
- (b) If so, what steps have been taken by Government to save the town and the people of the adjacent locality from the fury of the river and what is the approximate amount required by the Government in this regard ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the spurs and other devices so far undertaken by the Department have been of no use to save the bank and to divert the course of the river ?
- (d) Whether any representation from local public has been received to strengthen the bank by throwing boulders on the bank ?
- (e) If so, why this permanent measure has not been taken up instead of spending money annually by ineffective devices so far adopted ?
- (f) What further measure Government contemplate to take in this regard ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation) replied :

38. (a)—No. Slow erosion has been taking place at the point for years which is not of serious nature.

(b)—Three timber-cum-bamboo spurs have been constructed at the eroding point. In addition a Ring bund has been built covering the corresponding point on the Bund.

(c)—No. The above spurs served their purpose and the erosion during 1957 flood season was only 15 feet at the maximum point.

(d)—No.

(e)—Permanent measures are not considered necessary at this stage. Also there is no provision for such works in the Second Five-Year Plan.

(f)—Adequate measures would be taken as and when situation demands.

Road in Chowkhat Mouza

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

*39. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that not a single road has been taken over by Public Works Department in Chowkhat Mouza up-till now ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to take over at least one road of this Mouza within this current financial year ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

39. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No roads in that particular Mouza were recommended either by Subdivisional Development Board or by the Assam Roads Communication Board.

(c)—This is not possible unless the proposal is accepted by the Assam Roads Communication Board and funds are made available for the purpose.

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA : Whether Government is aware of the fact that almost all the roads of Chowkhat Mouza have to lie under water during the rainy season ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : That is not so.

Gara Ali of Jorhat Subdivision

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA asked :

*40. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Gara Ali of Jorhat Subdivision is one of the busiest roads with heavy traffic ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the condition of the road has gone from bad to worse ?

(c) If so, Government will be pleased to make it an asphalted one ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

40. (a)—It is an important road with average traffic.
(b)—It is not a fact.
(c)—The proposal for asphaltting will be placed before the next meeting of the Assam Roads Communication Board for their consideration and work will be taken up if and when this will be approved by the Board and funds are made available.

Duties and function of the Executive Engineer of a Division

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*41. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the function of the Executive Engineer of a Division ?
- (b) Whether one of the duties of an Executive Engineer is execution of work with close supervision and control ?
- (c) Whether there are four Subdivisions in Kamrup Embankment and Drainage Division ?
- (d) Whether the Government is aware that three out of four Subdivisions are situated in the North Bank of Kamrup with three-fourths of work load ?
- (e) Are Government aware that the outlying areas of North Kamrup including Burmagar Bagbor, from Barkshetri Mouzas, five Baska Mouzas and practically the entire North Bank of Kamrup are situated at a great distance from the headquarters of the Executive Engineer at Gauhati ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that due to the above situation it took a long time for the said Executive Engineer to contact the projects in the flood-affected areas of North Bank particularly during the floods of June 1957 when the rivers were in spate ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that due to absence of the Engineer in the midst of this field of work there is delay in execution and wastage of public money ?

- (h) Whether Government propose to shift immediately the headquarters of the Executive Engineer, Kamrup Embankment and Drainage to a central place of North Kamrup, wherefrom the Gauhati Subdivision at Gauhati can be supervised ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied:

41. (a)—The duties of an Executive Engineer as defined under paragraphs 80 to 98 of the Public Works Department Code, are in short, execution, maintenance and management of works. Copies of the relevant paragraphs of the Code are placed on the Library table.

[Statement laid on the Library table in reply to starred Question No. 41 (a)]

Extract of paras 80 to 98 of the Public Works Department Code.

Executive Engineer

80. An Executive Engineer is the officer in executive charge and the responsible disbursing officer of a division—the executive unit of the department. He is responsible for the execution and management of works and the control, posting and transfer of personnel including Subdivisional Officers within his charge. An Executive Engineer can receive executive orders only from his own departmental superiors, or from the head of the Provincial Government.

81. Under Section 6 of the Northern India Ferries Act XVII of 1878, he is vested with the immediate superintendence of the public ferries on all provincial roads in his division.

82. The Executive Engineer is responsible that proper measures are taken to preserve all buildings and works in his division and to prevent encroachment on Government lands in his charge. He must keep accurate plans of all Government lands borne on the Public Works Department registers and ensure that his subordinates are acquainted with the boundaries.

83. An Executive Engineer is prohibited from commencing any work, or expending any public funds, without the sanction of competent authority; or from making any other than unimportant deviations from the sanctioned designs in the course of execution, except in case of emergency.

[A.F.R.478 (1)]

84. The Executive Engineer will submit his accounts punctually to the Audit Office under the rules in force and will exercise efficient control over his Divisional Accountant. The Executive Engineer is responsible for the correctness of the original records of cash and stores, receipts and expenditure and for the submission of complete vouchers. The Divisional Accountant is responsible for the correct compilation of the accounts from the data supplied to him,

[A.F.R. 478 (2)]

85. The Executive Engineer is primarily responsible for reporting without delay, supported if necessary by a works slip, the probability of any excesses over estimates, all important liabilities not brought to account being noted, and for the prompt revision of estimates when necessary.

[A.F.R.478 (3)]

86. The Executive Engineer is responsible for the purchase (subject to the provisions of the stores rules) manufacture, care and disposal of all stores in, or required, for his division.

[A.F.R. 478 (4)]

87. He may authorise the commencement of urgent or emergent, repairs required to ensure the immediate safety of buildings or structures, or to keep open communications in anticipation of formal sanction, whether he has funds at his disposal or not

[A.F.R. 478 (5)]

88 He will appoint and dismiss "Work—Charged" establishment, duly provided for in sanctioned estimates, it is not necessary to consult Public Service Commission in cases of work-charged establishment.

89. He will appoint, promote, dismiss and generally control all ministerial and petty establishment authorised for his division. He may transfer Sectional Officers within his Division with the prior approval of the Superintending Engineer.

90 He may divert the provision of contingencies in an estimate to new works or repairs for the same project which are not provided for in the estimate, subject to a limit of Rs.5,000.

[A.F.R. 478 (6)]

91. He may dispose of all temporary buildings or structures required for and charged to works. The sale and dismantlement of all other public buildings require the sanction of Government.

[A.F.R.478 (7)]

92. He may sanction the petty local purchase of stationery subject to funds being available and to a limit of Rs.20 in each case and up to Rs.24 per Subdivision annually for work establishment.

[A.F.R. 478 (8)]

93. He may authorise the drawal of subdivisonal and conveyance allowance sanctioned for particular posts.

[A.F.R.478 (9)]

94. He is the "Controlling Officer" (for the purposes of S. R.314) for all divisional staff subordinate to him.

95. It will be the duty of the Executive Engineer to arrange for the inspection of strong rooms, required by rule 4 (b) of Appendix IV of the Treasury Manual on request by the Treasury Officers.

(Executive Engineer includes Public Works Disbursers).

96. The Executive Engineer will be required to inspect, report on and suggest measures for the protection of any public monument or building of architectural or archaeological interest, which appears likely to fall into decay.

97. The Executive Engineer is *ex-officio*, the professional adviser of all departments of Government and local bodies within the limits of his charge; and it will be incumbent on him to see that no undue formalities are allowed to interfere with the performance of this duty.

98. He will report without delay important or serious accidents, fires, earthquakes, storms, floods, or other unusual occurrences.

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(b)---Yes.

(c)---Yes.

(d)---Yes.

(e)---Government do not consider the distances to be too great for management of works by the Executive Engineer, Embankment and Drainage, Kamrup with his headquarters at Gauhati.

(f)---No.

(g)---No.

(h)---No.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhoz): Whether Government is aware that the Executive Engineer did not visit many places in the North Bank of Kamrup?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation): Government have no such information.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog): Will Government enquire about it?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Our information is that he visits these places. Therefore there is no question of enquiry.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR: Is it a fact that the Executive Engineer does not like to go to these places unless he gets a Jeep?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: If the hon. Member gives me an instance I will certainly enquire about it.

Re: Grant of non-recurring Building Grants

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

*42. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased state—

(a) Whether Government has sanctioned non-recurring building grants of two or three kinds to the same Schools?

(b) If so, what are the names of those Schools?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some of the Schools were granted building grants both in the High and Middle English Sectors?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

42. (a)—Yes, to some Schools, according to needs.

(b)—A list showing the names and amounts under different heads sanctioned to each is placed on the Library table. (Please see Library Register No. s. 66).

(c)—Yes, very few (List placed on Library table). (Please see Library Register No. s. 66).

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon): Is it a fact that one School, viz., Dikhowmukh School which has been granted a non-recurring building grant of Rs.15,000 has only 6 or 7 students on its roll?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: That is a separate question.

Loan granted to M/S. Chocs Company, Limited, for Fruit Preservation and Cold Storage Plant

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*43. Will the Minister-in-charge of Major Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any loan has been granted to “Chops” produces of orange squash ?
- (b) If so, what is the amount of the loan and for what purpose it has been granted ?
- (c) Whether there was any application from Assam and if so who were they and why were they denied this loan ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Major Industries) replied :

43. (a)—The loan has been granted to M/S. Chocs Company, Limited, and not to M/S. ‘Chops’ as stated by the hon. Member.

.(b)—Rs. 11,34,000 (Rupees eleven lakhs and thirty-four thousand) only. For the purpose of setting up an integrated unit of Fruit Preservation and Cold Storage Plant.

(c)—Yes, M/S. Green View Products, Nowgong. Their application could not be examined and considered as it was not supported by the necessary detailed project report.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): There is a printing mistake in (a). The word “Chops” should be “Chocks”

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): With regard to 43 (c), my information is that since some money has already been advanced to this company on loan.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: What is the amount ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Rs.50,000.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: What is the purpose ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: For the working expenses of this Company.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: So far as (a) and (b) are concerned, money has been advanced for cold storage and fruit preservation. Has this company also been given this Rs.50,000 for fruit preservation ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: For the requirements of the current expenditure.

Mosquito menace at Gauhati**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur)** asked:

*44. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he is aware of the mosquito menace at Gauhati ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the increase of mosquito is due to water logging and spread of water-hyacinth ?

(c) Whether 'Feroxone' has been tried to destroy water-hyacinth ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

44. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, mosquito menace is due to water logging, but water-hyacinths do not directly contribute to mosquito breeding.

(c)—Not known to Medical Department.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI : Will the Medical Department try to find out whether recently some publication has been made in the Medical Journal regarding this medicine ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : Yes, Government will make an attempt to look into the matter ?

Refuge of Assam Distillery at Moderkhat that allowed to be flowed to Sessa river

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*45. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the refuge of Assam Distillery at Moderkhat was allowed to be flowed to a small rivulet, viz., Sessa river during the last two years and a large number of fishes died in those years in the Sessa upto Buridihing ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that fish is hardly available in that river now ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that on complaints received from various quarters the local authority instructed this firm not to flow the refuse of the Distillery to the small river Sessa ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the refuse of the distillery is kept in an open space now and bad smell spread over to places upto a radius of about 5 miles ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that it smells very bad and injures public health in that locality ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to take steps to stop this bad smell in the interest of Public Health ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :—

45. (a)-(f)—Information is being collected.

Re : Conversion of Lower Primary Schools into Basic Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*46. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware or received any report to the effect that Lower Primary Schools converted to Basic are treated in the same manner as other Basic Schools by the Local Officers and the local administrative authorities ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the necessary instruments and equipments to such upgraded Basic Schools have not been supplied ?
- (c) If so, what are the reasons therefore ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

46. (a)—Yes.

(b)—According to the Act all the Primary Schools are going to be converted into Basic Schools. In order that the conversion is quicker and effective the syllabus of Basic Schools has been modified in the light of existing Primary Schools Syllabus and Craft has been introduced in the converted Basic Schools and Craft equipments have been given. In other Schools which have not yet been converted such items as prayer, "Safai", Students' Assembly, etc., have been introduced.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply given at (b).

Re: Representation from Loanees under Low-income Group Housing Scheme

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*47. Will the Minister-in-charge of Housing be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he has lately received any representation from the Loanees under Low-income Group Housing Scheme for lowering the rate of interest as well as extend by the period of repayment of loan ?

(b) What is the rate of interest the State Government borrowed the money from the Centre under this Scheme ?

(c) At what rate of interest the State Government has offered this loan to the loanees of the State ?

(d) What is the maximum amount of loan granted to a loanee and the period of repayment ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that the building materials in Assam are more costly than those of West Bengal and Bihar ?

(f) What is the total amount of interest on Rs.8,000 to be paid at the end of the term of repayment ?

(g) What is the rate of interest granted under Agricultural Fishery and Cottage Industries loans ?

(h) Whether Government are aware that the Government of West Bengal and Bihar have granted loans under this scheme at a low rate of interest that is 4 per cent and period of repayment is 24 years ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

47. (a)—Yes.

(b)— $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. per annum.

(c)— $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum.

(d)—Rupees 8,000 repayable in 18 years.

(e)—Controlled building materials are available in Assam at the uniform Pool Prices prevalent throughout India.

(f)—Rupees 4,200.

(g)—The rate of interest the State Government charge under Agricultural Loan is $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent and under Fishery Loan is 5 per cent per annum and that under the Assam Aid to Industries (Small and Cottage Industries) Loan is 3 per cent per annum.

(h)—We have no information about the rate of interest charged in West Bengal and Bihar. Correspondence is being made to get the detailed information.

Shri MOHENDRA MOHAN CHAUDHURY (Hajo) : Is the hon. Minister aware that some penal interest is being charged for these loans ?

Shri KAMKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: No, Sir, it is not known to me.

Shri MOHENDRA MOHAN CHAUDHURY: Then will the Government accept my statement that a penal interest at Rs. 40 is being charged for these loans ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : I will make an enquiry.

Re: Grants for Labour Welfare during the Second Five-Year Plan

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*48, Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) The amount allotted both recurring and non-recurring for the purpose of Labour Welfare during the Second Five-Year Plan ?

(b) Whether any amount has been spent so far for the said purpose ?

(c) If so, how much ?

(d) If not, what is the Government proposal in this regard ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

48. (a)—Recurring	...	...	...	Rs. 9·89 lakhs.
Non-recurring	...	...	...	22·41 lakhs.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Spent so far—

(a) Recurring 52 lakhs.

(b) Non-recurring 27 lakhs.

(d)—Bulk of our allotment, *i. e.*, Rs.20 lakhs (approximately) is provided for construction of Community Centres for plantation workers and Urban Welfare Centres for industrial workers. Non-availability of land, so far for the above purpose has been hampering our progress in this direction. Some lands for these centres have now been found and we propose to spend about 3 lakhs this year and in the subsequent years we hope to utilise the whole amount provided for the purpose.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): চাৰ, মই জানিব খোজো যে একেদিনাই ইমান বোৰ প্ৰশ্ন আছিল ?

Mr. SPEAKER: আপুনি Supplementary Speaker কে শুধিলে দেখোন, এইটো পিছত কোৱা হ'ব।

Re: Closure of Rajabari Tea Garden

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*49. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Rajabari Tea Garden was closed for some months ?

(b) If so, what is the date of its closure ?

- (c) Whether any proposal for relief of the workmen was received by Government from the local M. L. A. and the Moran Circle Chah Mazdoor Sangha and if so, when ?
- (d) Whether the garden was re-opened and if so, what is the date of its re-opening ?
- (e) Whether any amount was sanctioned by Government for these unemployed labourers and if so, the amount sanctioned and the date of sanction ?
- (f) The date on which the closure was communicated to Government by the local authorities ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

49. (a) & (b)—Yes. From 6th January 1958.

(c)—Yes. From the hon. Member on 21st March 1958 and from Moran Circle Chah Mazdoor Sangha on 13th February 1958.

(d)—Yes. From 9th June 1958.

(e)—An amount of Rs. 8,000 was sanctioned on 10th June 1958 as Test Relief Grant for the following projects to be undertaken by the labourers of Rajabari and Deuriting Tea Estates.

	Rs.
(1) Desang Deori Road	4,000
(2) Reconstruction of the 2nd breach portion of the abandoned bund from Libil to Dehingmukh.	4,000
Total	<u>8,000</u>

(j)—4th February 1958.

Re : Constitution of a Governing Body in the Assam Veterinary College

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*50. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any Governing Body in the Assam Veterinary College ?
- (b) If not, whether Government will be pleased to take steps to constitute a Governing Body in the interest of the institution as has been done in other Colleges ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

50. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes, necessary steps to constitute a Governing Body are being taken.

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]: When it is expected to be constituted, Sir.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I hope, Sir, within two months time.

Re: Issue of Corrugated Iron Sheets to different Public Institutions

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

*51. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of bundles of Government Corrugated Iron Sheets used in the last Congress Session ?
- (b) The number of bundles of those Corrugated Iron Sheets issued to different public institutions with names of those institutions ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that 50 bundles of Corrugated Iron Sheets out of the said Congress Quota was allotted the five schools of Golaghat Sub-division ?
- (d) Whether the Corrugated Iron Sheets allotted to those schools have been lifted ?
- (e) If not, why ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that agents of Dergaon Girls' Lower Primary School, one of those five allottees, had been refused lifting of the allotted quota of Corrugated Iron Sheets even after their depositing the cost at Golaghat Treasury ?
- (g) Whether the Minister has received any complaint to this effect ?
- (h) If so, what steps he has taken in the matter ?
- (i) Who is responsible for such public harassment and steps taken against him ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

51. Sir, as regards questions (a) to (f) informations have been called for. As regards (g) answer is "yes". Regarding (h) to (i): It was sent for enquiry and report. The results of the enquiry have already been Communicated to the hon. questioner. Steps have already been taken to remove the inconveniences.

Re: Shortage of Food in the State

U JOR MANIK SYIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*52. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any apprehension of the shortage of rice in the State during the year ?
- (b) If so, what precaution is being taken to guard against any possible starvation in any part of the State ?
- (c) Whether there is sufficient stock of rice to meet the requirement of the people during the year ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware of the fact that due to flood in some parts due of the State there has been great damage to standing crops and to insufficient rainfall in other parts again there is an apprehension of failure of crop in the next harvest ?
- (e) What measures do Government proposed to take against any possible shortage of food during the coming year ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

52. (a)—With stocks procured by the State Government and the assured supplies from the Centre there may not be any difficulty in meeting the requirements of the State during the year.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—As stated in replies to question (a) above.

(d)—Reports are being received about damage of standing crops by floods in certain areas. The prospect of next winter crop is expected to be fair as weather condition has been favourable during the monsoon for Sali crop in other areas.

(e)—The actual position in regard to possible shortage of food in the coming year will be assessed after the harvest of next Sali crop. If the total production falls below the requirements, Government will take up the matter with Central Government so that sufficient quantities are made available to Assam during the next year.

U. JOR MANIK SYIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: May I know whether a better stock of rice has been kept in reserve by Government now?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply): Yes, we have got a better stock now.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): Do the Government propose to build up stock of Aus paddy also?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Yes, Government has instructed the district authorities to procure Aus paddy wherever available. In fact, in certain areas arrangement to purchase Aus paddy has already been completed.

Shri CHATRA SINGH TERON [Mikir Hills West (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: What is the amount of paddy procured by Government within the State this year?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: If it is Aus, collection will be made only from now.

Mr. SPEAKER: Probably the hon. Member means Sali crops.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: As regards Sali crops I am not quite sure about the quantity. Subject to correction, Sir, nearly 9 lakhs maunds were procured locally.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): Are the Government confident that they will be able to procure necessary amount of Aus paddy having in view the extent of loss of crops this year?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Our whole target may not be achieved, but at least some thing will be procured.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY: What is the rate fixed per maund of Aus paddy.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: It is Rs. 9-8 to Rs. 9-12 or so including cost of bag as far as I can remember.

**Consideration of the allegations of the resolutions
passed in the meeting at Dhing, Nowgong on
10th July 1958**

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*53. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he has received the copy of resolutions passed in a public meeting held at Dhing, Nowgong, on 10th July 1958 under the presidency of Shri Radhika M. Goswami ?
- (b) If so, whether Government has enquired into the allegations contained in the said resolutions and if so are these allegations found to be true ?
- (c) What steps Government have taken to ease the situation ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

53. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The allegations contained in the resolutions were enquired into. The report of the enquiry is as follows—
Resolution No.1 refers to the incident of 28th June 1958 in which one Ekin Ali of Dhing was reported to have been assaulted by one Siba Prasad Barua of the same locality. A case under sections 323/341, I. P. C., was registered against Barua who was charge sheeted. A section of people was, however, not satisfied and wanted to magnify the situation with communal motive. Seven persons whose activities were likely to cause breach of peace were proceeded against under section 107 Cr. P. C.

Resolution No.2 refers to the alleged kidnapping of women and forcible occupation of land by some people. No such kidnapping came to notice. It is a fact that a few families of Dhing left their home and land and migrated to North Lakhimpur and Darrang District but the cause of this migration was reported to be due to their uneconomic land holding.

(c)—Necessary precautionary measures were taken by sending a party of armed police to ensure security and safety of the people till situation eased.

Change of the Course of rivers by the tea gardens

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

*54. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that some tea gardens have either blocked or changed the natural course of some of the rivers and tributaries in the interests of their tea gardens?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that such actions of the tea garden owners causes great difficulties to the paddy fields as they cannot get required amount of water?
- (c) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied:

54. (a) to (c)—Information is being collected, and will be furnished when ready.

Investigation of "Rinderpest Epidemic" and precautionary measures

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked:

*55. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of the districts which were in the grip of the last Rinderpest epidemic?
- (b) What was the intensity of the epidemic?
- (c) The total number of cattle which fell a victim to this pestilence?
- (d) What preventive, precautionary and/or curative measures were taken to ward off the pestilence?
- (e) Whether the Minister visited some of the affected areas personally?
- (f) What precautionary measures do Government propose to take against rinderpest in future?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

55. (a)—1. Darrang.

2. Lakhimpur.

3. Mikir Hills.

4. Cachar.

5. Nowgong.

6. Goalpara.

7. Sibsagar.

(b)—It was severe.

(c)—1,21,000 out of which 45,875 died from 1st April 1957 to 16th July 1958.

(d)—The entire staff of the Department was engaged in mass vaccination against Rinderpest. This programme is still continuing. In addition one Rinderpest Officer, 4 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, 8 Supervisor Field Assistants and 60 Veterinary Field Assistants are engaged exclusively for this work. The staff has so far vaccinated 28,89,260 animals against the disease.

(e)—Gauhati, Barpeta, Nowgong, Golaghat, Sibsagar and Jorhat (including Majuli), Goalpara, Dhubri, North Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh, Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimgani.

(f)—It is proposed to vaccinate the entire cattle population of the State so as to eradicate the disease from the State once for all, with the co-operation of the public.

Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKEUR (Dibrugarh) : Sir, was Gauhati an affected area?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) : Yes.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) : মঙ্গলদৈ মহকুমাতে যে আটাইত কৈ বেচি গৰু মৰিছে এই কথা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জানেনে আৰু মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে এই অঞ্চল কেতিয়াৰা ভ্ৰমণ কৰিছেনে ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : মই জনাত মঙ্গলদৈত খুউব বেচি এই বছৰহোৱা নাই।

Enquiry into the Karimganj Municipality

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*56. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) What steps Government have taken against the Karimganj Municipality for food adulteration?

*57. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Karimganj Municipality is not keeping its accounts properly and that it is also mismanaged?

(d) If so, why Karimganj Municipality is not yet abolished?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

56. (a)—Government have directed that the action of the Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj in directing the Urban Health Officer to forward the cases against offenders under the Pure Food Act for proper adjudication by a Court has the approval of Government and these cases should be proceeded without any further delay.

The Chairman, Karimganj Municipality was told that such directions to compromise cases as have been issued in these cases by the Chairman to the Urban Health Officer are not warranted by law and open to serious objection and should not be repeated in future.

57. (a)—This is under enquiry by the Examiner of Local Accounts.

(d)—Does not arise.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): As regards question No. 56 Sir, may I know whether the Chairman took money from those offenders and compounded the cases?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED : This matter was inquired into and I wish to inform the hon. Members that for the purpose of obtaining sanction it was not necessary for the Subdivisional Officer to send those cases to the Chairman. The Government have passed order that those cases which were filed in the court should proceed without obtaining the sanction from the Chairman concerned. So far as taking donations concerned, this is not the solitary case. The practice to collect donations for

institutions by Chairman of Local Bodies from all persons has been in existence and the Government do not approve of it and therefore we have instructed that such practice should be discontinued.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Sir, my question was whether the Chairman took money from those offenders and compounded those cases ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government): This is not a fact.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): May I know whether money was collected by the Chairman for the Ramani Mohan High School and if so, whether Ramani Mohan was the father of the Chairman?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Money was collected not only from those persons but from other persons also for the institution, and as it is a public institution of which the Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman, so there was no case of any misappropriation of money.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI : So far as 57 (a) is concerned, Sir, may I know whether the budget of the Karimganj Municipality was passed in time?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government): It was not done.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: What action was taken against the Municipality for this ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: The Deputy Commissioner is to take action.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Why no action was taken against the Chairman for this ? Is it because of his crossing over the floor in this House ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: It is admitted that the action of the Chairman in not submitting the budget within the time allotted is an irregularity. An enquiry has recently been made by the Government through the Commissioner to find out why this irregularity has been committed. After the reply is received from the Chairman the Government will consider the matter and take action accordingly.

Supply of Corrugated Iron Sheets to the Schools of Sibsagar

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*58. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some schools in Sibsagar Subdivision were allotted Corrugated Iron Sheets from the Congress quota ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that some of these schools were given a quota of 4 bundles and were directed to lift the Corrugated Iron Sheets from Gauhati ?
- (c) Why the Government did not arrange to supply the same through recognised local dealers instead of putting the institutions to difficulties ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

58. (a)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, only to one school. All permit holders were directed to lift their quotas from Gauhati.

(c)—Government could not arrange supply of these Corrugated Iron Sheets through registered dealers as the Corrugated Iron Sheets had to be sold by Government at Column III rate leaving no profit margin for the registered dealers.

Nationalisation of the North Gauhati-Barpeta Route

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*59. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any decision has been taken to nationalise the North Gauhati-Barpeta Route ?
- (b) If so, when the scheme will be put into operation ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

59. (a) & (b)—The matter is under examination of Government.

Co-operative Societies in Assam

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

- *60. (a) How many registered Co-operatives are there in Assam (information to be given subdivisionwise) ?
- (b) The number of Co-operatives that are yet to be registered for non-availability of bye-laws ?
- (c) The reason of the shortage of bye-laws and whether Government is arranging to make them available ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operative) replied :

60. (a)—

1. North Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	134
2. Dibrugarh	...	...	...	...	411
3. Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	322
4. Jorhat	...	...	...	...	343
5. Golaghat	...	...	...	...	222
6. Nowgong	...	...	...	...	1078
7. Gauhati	...	...	...	...	801
8. Nalbari	...	...	...	...	387
9. Barpeta	...	...	...	...	383
10. Tezpur	...	...	...	...	531
11. Mangaldoi	...	...	...	...	373
12. Dhubri	...	...	...	...	456
13. Goalpara	...	...	...	...	443
14. Garo Hills	...	...	...	...	79
15. Silchar	...	...	...	...	513
16. Karimgani	...	...	...	...	231
17. Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	194
18. Mizo Hills	...	...	...	...	44
19. Shillong	...	...	...	...	111
20. Mikir Hills	...	...	...	...	83
21. Haflong	...	...	...	...	4

Total ... 7143

(b)—Information is not available.

(c)—Shortage of bye-laws is due to delay in printing. Steps are taken to get more bye-laws printed.

The Assistant Political Officer for Abor Hills Transferred Area and his accommodation

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*61. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Road and Building) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the offices and residence of the Assistant Political Officer for Abor Hills (Murkongselek) Transferred Area have not yet been constructed ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the Assistant Political Officer and the staff there have been experiencing great difficulties for non-availability of accommodation in that Transferred Area ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that no financial sanction was given for this purpose during the year 1957-58 ?

(d) Whether Government propose to construct these buildings during the financial year of 1958-59 ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

61. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The Projects could not be sanctioned during 1957-58 as these were received late for the Public Works Department to be able to take them up during that year.

(d)—Yes.

The Development Board of Goalpara

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*62. Will the Minister of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Development Board of Goalpara has recently been dissolved ?

(b) When was the Board last constituted and who were the members of the Board ?

(c) On what basis the members are selected ?

(d) What is the reason for the dissolution of the Board ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development) replied :

62. (a)—The present Development Board of Goalpara has not been recently dissolved.

(b)—The Board was last constituted on the 6th September 1957 *vide* Government Notification No.PWR.62/57. The Board was constituted with the following members—

- | | | |
|--|--------|------------|
| 1. Subdivisional Officer, Goalpara | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Development Officer | | Secretary. |
| 3. All members of the Subdivisional Development Committee. | | Members. |
| 4. Srimati Rani Manjula Devi, M.P. | ... | " |
| 5. Shri Dharanidhar Basumatari, M.P. | | " |
| 6. Shri Khagendra Nath Nath, M.L.A. | ... | " |
| 7. Shri Hakim Ch. Rabha, M.L.A. | ... | " |
| 8. Shri S. Ali Mondal, M.L.A. | ... | " |
| 9. Chairman, Local Board, Goalpara | ... | " |
| 10. Chairman, Municipal Board, Goalpara. | | " |
| 11. Shri Jagat Ch. Pan, P. O. Krishnai | | " |
| 12. Shri Kedarmal Brahmin, Goalpara | ... | " |
| 13. Shri Balendra Ch. Roy, Majgaon, Bongaigaon, | | " |
| 14. Shri Deb Nath Barman | | " |
| 15. Shri Kirti Chandra Roy | | " |
| 16. Principal, Goalpara College, Goalpara. | | " |
| 17. Shri Sib Charan Das, Goalpara | ... | " |
| 18. Shri Bhabendra Narayan Basumatary, Pukhuripara, Lakhimpur. | | " |

19. Shri Amrit Bhusan Adhikary, Ranga- Members.
pani.

20. Shri Mathura Mohan Singha, Mula- „
gaon.

21. Shri Muni Kanta Das, Goalpara ... „

22. Shri Bhabendra Narayan Rabha, „
Village Tilapara, P. O. Dhenubma-
nga.

23. Shri Abdul Rashid Khan, Nambar- „
para.

(c)—In selecting the members the Government consider, amongst other factors, whether the person recommended believes in the general programme of development, whether he is the most suitable representative and whether he would be helpful in the discharge of the functions of the Board. Normally members are selected from the following categories—

- (i) Persons of a representative character like M. Ps, M. L. As, Chairman of Local Boards, Municipalities and School Boards and representatives of Panchayats.
- (ii) Representatives of social and voluntary organisations and the Bharat Sevak Samaj.
- (iii) Representatives of Industry, Agriculture, Business, Co-operative institutions, Press Advisory Board, National Extension Service and Community Development Projects, Educational Institutions and of Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

In addition Government may also appoint other members.

(d)—Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) : May, I know, Sir, whether the Presidents of all the Panchayats are members ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Planning and Development) : No, Sir.

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : What is the principle of selection of members ?

Mr. SPEAKER : It has already been replied to by the Minister.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara): What is the principle in choosing members from amongst the Panchayat Presidents ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Planning and Development): We have to select members from amongst the Panchayat Presidents taking into consideration as to who would be most suitable, which are the areas which are remaining unrepresented and less represented, what are the technical inclinations of such members and such other things are taken into consideration.

The proposal to dissolve the Development Board of Goalpara

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked :

*63. Will the Minister of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government is proposing to dissolve the Development Board of Goalpara subdivision with a view to appoint a new Board ?

(b) If so, what is the reason ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some Congress members of the aforesaid Committee boycotted the Board Meetings ?

(d) If so, since when and for what reasons did they boycott the Board meetings ?

(e) Whether Government has received any report from the Subdivisional Officer, Goalpara regarding the affairs of the said Board ?

(f) Whether Government has received any letter from the President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee advising reconstitution of the said Board ?

(g) Who are the non-Congress non-M. L. A. members of the said Board ?

(h) Whether Government propose to nominate any non-Congress non-M. L. A. public man to the aforesaid Board ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development) replied :

63. (a)—No. A representation has, however, been received to this effect and the matter is under examination.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Government have no such information. A report has, however, been received from the Subdivisional Officer, Goalpara, to the effect that the majority of non-official members do not attend the meetings of the Board regularly.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—No. A representation has, however, been received from the President of the District Congress Committee, Goalpara requesting Government to re-constitute the Board.

(g)—As the selections are not made on the basis of political affiliations the information is not available.

(h)—Persons are selected to the Board against certain categories and hence no representation is proposed to be given on the basis of political affiliations.

The Number of Motor Accidents during the 63rd Congress Session

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

*64. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of motor accidents occurred during the last All-India Congress Session at Pragjyotishpur within a radius of 50 miles from Gauhati ?

(b) The number of persons injured and died in these accidents ?

(c) The approximate amount of loss in those accidents ?

(d) The main reasons of those accidents ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

64. (a)—10 (ten).

(b)—17 persons were injured and 1 died.

(c)—Rupees 6,000 (six thousand) approximately.

(d)—Rash and negligent driving was the main cause of these accidents.

Children's Parks in Shillong

Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North)
asked :

*65. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many children's parks are there in the town of Shillong ?
- (b) Whether the Shillong Municipal Board has taken in hand any scheme for increasing the number of such parks ?
- (c) Whether Government realise that with the increase in population and large scale settlement of land in Shillong, open spaces where children used to play are fast disappearing and that it is becoming increasingly difficult for our smaller generation to relax and take the minimum amount of physical exercise which is essential for the health of their body and mind ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the children do not get any opportunity to intermix with children of different communities, which is so very necessary for building up a United India ?
- (e) If the answers to (c) and (d) are in the affirmative, whether Government propose to give liberal grants to the Shillong Municipality for construction of as many children's parks as possible ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the inhabitants of Madan Laban, Upper Laban and Kench's Trace, both Khasis and non-Khasis, submitted an application to the Vice-Chairman, Shillong Municipal Board in March last year for constitution of a children's park in the Madan Laban catchment area, which is the only sizeable open space of land in the above localities and is ideally suited for a children's park ?
- (g) Whether it is also a fact that the Board approved of the proposal and the Vice-Chairman sometime in August 1956 enquired of the Deputy Commissioner, Shillong, whether he had any objection to the constitution of a children's park in the aforesaid area ?

- (h) If the answer to (g) is in the affirmative, whether the views of the Deputy Commissioner have since been forwarded to the Municipal Board?
- (i) If not, whether Government propose to instruct the Deputy Commissioner to expedite the matter so that the Municipal Board may go ahead with this scheme?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

65. (a)—Only one, viz., Lady Hydari Park.
 (b)—For want of suitable land and due to paucity of fund the Shillong Municipal Board has not been able to take any scheme for Children's park.
 (c)—May be.
 (d)—This is a matter of opinion.
 (e)—This may be considered by Government on its own merit if and when any such proposal is received.
 (f)—Yes, a joint petition has been submitted to the Vice-Chairman, Shillong Municipal Board.
 (g)—No proposal has been received from the Board.
 (h) & (i)—Does not arise.

Amenities for Tea Garden Labourers

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*66. Will the Minister-incharge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of tea gardens in Assam who have since provided labour clubs, creches, etc., as per Plantation Labour Act?
- (b) The names of those gardens who have not yet provided such amenities?
- (c) Whether any employer was prosecuted for contravention of the provisions of the said Act?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

66. (a)—107 estates have provided only creche, but not club.

65 estates have provided only club, but not creche.

69 estates have provided both creche and club.
 (b)—A list of estates that have not provided these facilities is placed on the Library Table.

[Statement laid on the Library Table in reply to Starred
Question No.66(b)]

NOWGONG

Amluckie
Borpani
Burra Pahar
Chapanalla
Gopal Krishna
Kelleydon
Khatoon
Kuturi
Loongsoong
Matiapahar
Sagmootea
Salona
Sukanguri
New Coolie Koosie

KAMRUP

Amchong
Baranadi
Bardwar
Choonsali
Fatemabad
Madartola
Menoka
Nagriji
Ramgaon
Ramsa Hill
Rani
Sonapur
Tarabari
Woodland

GOALPARA

Birjhora
Chapar
Dalobai and Banglabari
Falimari
Kokrajhar
Maijanga
Simlita

LAKHIMPUR

Ahmeddy
Amguri
Ananda bari
Bagrodia
Baliyan
Barojan
Bessakopec
Beahating
Betjan
Bherjan
Bhertia
Bochapathar
Borkhetta
Budla Betta

LAKHIMPUR

Chabwa
Chandmari
Charali
Chota Tingrai
Cinna Tollia
Daimukhia
Dessam
Deodam
Digulturrung
Dikom
Dinjoy
Diroibam
Dirial
Duarabari
Durgapur
Eathalwood
Ghograjan
Ghillapukri
Hansara
Hapjan Purbat
Harishpur
Hatijan
Hazalbank
Hollung Habi
Hoogrijan
Itakhoolie
Joypur
Jalalnagar
Jalpunia
Jutlibari
Kajanibari
Kamini
Kangikoah
Koshikata
Katalguri
Khetojan
Khonikor
Lahoalbari
Lankasi
Longboi
Madarkhat
Madhpur
Madhuting
Mahadeobari
Mankowa
Maud
Mayajan
Molan
Mothola
Muttuk
Naharkatia
Sookerating
Nilmani

LAKHIMPUR

Pipratoli
 Padmoni
 Parbatipur
 Philobari
 Phukenbari
 Prithunagar
 Raidang
 Rajabetta
 Rukong
 Rungliting
 Rupai
 Sankar
 Santi
 Seajuli
 Sewpur
 Salmari
 Silonibari
 Talup
 Tarajan
 Tengapani
 Teen Alli
 Thanai
 Tingkong
 Tipam
 Umatara
 Sri Krishna
 Jalannagar South
 Hatkhola
 Koliapani
 Chowkhani

SIBSAGAR

Abhoyajan
 Aideopukhuri
 Aideobarie
 Amgoorie
 Anandapur
 Attabarie
 Baghsong
 Bahonia
 Balijan
 Bamoonibari
 Banamali
 Banwaripur
 Barbaruakhat
 Barpathar
 Borsoikata
 Baruajan
 Boloma
 Borahi
 Borsali
 Borhat

SIBSAGAR

Borpatra
 Borsilla
 Bortimon
 Borting
 Bosabari
 Chapajan
 Chenijan
 Chetuyabari
 Cinnamara
 Deepling
 Deha
 Duklingia
 Dessoie
 Dhunseri
 Diglihol
 Durgabari
 Furkating
 Gatoonga
 Ghilladari
 Ghorjan
 Gobindapur
 Govindapur
 Golaghat
 Gossainbari
 Hattigarh
 Hauntley
 Hirajan
 Hollounguri
 Hunwal
 Jaboka
 Jagdwar
 Kakadanga
 Komalpur
 Kathoni
 Khagorijan
 Kharikatia
 Kolakota
 Khonikor-Dallim
 Kuphuating
 Leengree
 Lakwah
 Mekkeypore
 Madoorie
 Majidpur
 Marangi
 Mazengah
 Meleng
 Moheema
 Mohokuti
 Maskara
 Motijan
 Mudoijan
 Muktabari

SIBSAGAR

Murphulani
 Naganijan
 Nahorbari
 Namburnadi
 Narayanpur
 Nirmalkumar
 Pabbojan
 Radhabari
 Rajabari (I)
 Rajabari (2)
 Rajabari (3)
 Romannagar
 Rongaihabi
 Ratanpur
 Rengma
 Rongdoi
 Rowriah
 Rangaguan
 Rungamutty
 Salkathonee
 Sarumathura
 Scottish Assam
 Seleng
 Singarijan
 Sockieting
 Sonajan
 Sonaree
 Sootai
 Sree Luxmi
 Sree Sibbari
 Suffry
 Sundarpur
 Teok Mahara
 Thengalbari
 Tiok
 Umabari

DARRANG

Alimabad
 Ambica
 Bamgaon
 Borgong
 Borgorah
 Behali
 Belseri
 Bhergaon
 Bholaguri
 Bhooteachang
 Borjuli
 Boroi
 Chandana
 Chardwar
 Chikonmati
 Koramore
 Dering

Dhendai
 Dherai
 Dhekorai
 Dufflagarh
 Faizabad
 Hallem
 Haroocherra
 Hoograjulli
 Kolony
 Kopati
 Ramabari
 Maha Luxmi
 Mijikajan
 Monabari
 Nahorani
 Namgaon
 Nilpur
 Nirmala
 Noanadi
 Noniapara
 Nurpur and Wallipur
 Orang
 Panbari
 Paneery
 Fulbari
 Rupajuli
 Sakomatoo
 Singri
 Singrimari
 Suola
 Tarajuli
 Tezpur and Gogra
 Tongani
 Tooopa
 Bagmari

CACHAR

Aenakhal
 Amranagar
 Appin
 Aylabari
 Baithakhal
 Ballacherra
 Bubright
 Bubhandhar
 Bidyanagar
 Borokai
 Buddorpur
 Bandoomara
 Burnie Braes
 Burtoll
 Chandypore
 Chargola Valley
 Chincoorie
 Chingoor
 Cossipore
 Cragpark

Cutlaeherra
 Degubber
 Doloo
 Dooloogram
 Dullavcherra
 Durganagar
 Dwarbund
 Eraligool
 Hathikhira
 Jollalpore
 New Jatinga Valley
 Jirighat
 Kallinagar
 Kalain
 Kalaincherra
 Khoreel
 Koomber
 Krishna Govinda
 Kuchilla
 Kunchanpore
 Labac
 Lallacherra
 Lallamookh
 Madanpur
 Madoora
 Manicknagar
 Manipur
 Monacherra
 Monierkhal

Noorbund
 Pathicherra
 Poloi
 Promodenagar
 Rabbania
 Rahamannagar
 Rampore
 Ramanikrishna
 Roopacherra
 Rosekandy
 Rotanpur
 Saraswati
 Sephinjuri Bill
 Serishpore
 Silcoorie
 Singlacherra
 Sonaicherra
 South Cachar
 Sreckona
 Subong
 Sultanicherral
 Tilkah
 Urumabund
 Usharani
 Vernerpur
 West Jalinga
 Thaligram
 Martycherra
 Bag-O-Bahar

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(c)—In the case of five estates, the Inspectorate have been authorised to prosecute the employers concerned.

National Savings Certificates for Bonus to Tea Labourers

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*67. Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount collected to National Savings Certificate out of the Bonus for 1956 which was paid in 1958 in Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware of the total amount paid to the labourers for that year ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the amount of National Savings Certificate was collected less than the expected amount ?
- (d) If so, what are the reasons for less collection ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that the allied Department such as Publicity was directed to supply vehicles for collection of Bonus shares to National Savings Certificate ?
- (f) If so, whether it was supplied regularly throughout the period of collection of Bonus shares for National Savings Certificate ?
- (g) Whether certificates for collection from 1954 Bonus paid during 1956 and 1956 Bonus paid in 1958 were all issued ?
- (h) If not, what are the reasons ?

*68. Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.60,000 or so was not deposited in time for National Savings Certificate although collected in 1956 from out of 1954 Bonus by tea gardens of the Assam Company, Ltd. ?
- (b) If so, who is responsible for this loss caused to the labourers ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the said amount was not accepted by the Post Office ?
- (d) If so, why ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that such refusal stands in the way of the said type of collection ?

*69. Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there are some tea gardens in Sibsagar Subdivision who have not paid the Bonus to the labourers for the year 1956 ?
- (b) If so, which are those gardens ?
- (c) Whether Government have taken steps for payment of Bonus to labourers for these gardens ?

*70. Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that some tea gardens have not deposited the amount collected for National Saving Certificate out of 1953-54 Bonus ?
- (b) If so, what are the names of those gardens ?
- (c) Whether Government have taken any step to realise this money for the National Savings Certificate ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

67. (a)—Rupees 5,58,396.29 nP. in respect of members of Assam Tea plantations Provident Fund in Sibsagar Subdivision.

As regards non-members the information is not available.

(b), (c) & (d)—Information is being collected.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—It is being enquired into.

(g)—No National Savings Certificate was issued in respect of the 1954 or 1956 bonus contribution collected through the Provident Fund.

As regards non-members the information is being collected.

(h)—Receipts were however issued by the Board of Trustees to all the labourers from whom 1/3rd bonus were or are being collected through the Provident Fund.

68. (a) to (e)—Information is not readily available and is being collected.

69. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

[Statement Laid on the Library Table in reply to Starred Question No. 69(b)]

List of gardens in Sibsagar Subdivision who have not yet deposited bonus contributions to Provident Funds for 1956

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Aidanpukhuri | 17. Moskara. |
| 2. Aideobarie | 18. Muktabari. |
| 3. Attabarrie | 19. Nahorhabi. |
| 4. Bemolapur | 20. Ratnapur. |
| 5. Bhuyankhat | 21. Salkathoni. |
| 6. Borhat | 22. Sonarie. |
| 7. Borsillah | 23. Sree Shibbari. |
| 8. Deepling | 24. Suffry. |
| 9. Ghorajan | 25. Sundarpur. |
| 10. Gossainbari | 26. Thowra. |
| 11. Hingarajan | 27. Timon. |
| 12. Jabaka. | 28. Timonhabi. |
| 13. Jonktollee. | 29. Tingalibam. |
| 14. Khongea. | 30. Teok. |
| 15. Madoorie. | 31. Towkok. |
| 16. Majidpur. | |

(c).—The question is not clear. If disputes are raised, action under the Industrial Disputes Act will be taken.

70. (a) & (b).—The information is readily not available. It will help Government in enquiry if specific cases are cited.

(c).—Does not arise.

Number of Cattle heads, its deaths, number of Doctors, their capacity of work and adequacy of medicine in Assam

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*71. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) How many cattle heads are there in Assam ?
(Reply to be given subdivisionwise).

(b) The number of deaths of cattle in the last epidemics in each subdivision ?

(c) The number of Veterinary Surgeons and Field Assistants in each Subdivision ?

(d) Whether Government considers that the existing staff is adequate to meet the need of the people ?

(e) If not, what are the Government Schemes to turn out more doctors and Field Assistants within a short period ?

*72. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and Veterinary Field Assistants in Assam ?

(b) How many cattle heads can be vaccinated by one Field Assistant in one day with goat tissue vaccine ?

(c) What is the cattle population in Assam and what is the number vaccinated with goat tissue vaccine commencing from 1st January 1958 ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the dose of goat tissue used for vaccination of cattle was not adequate ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that in giving goat tissue vaccine, the Field Assistants used ordinary water instead of distilled water ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

71. (a)—Cattle—52,21,804.

Buffalo—5,18,803.

Subdivision-wise figures are not available and they are being collected and will be furnished when ready.

(b)—A list is placed on the Labrary table.

[Statement laid on the Library table in reply to Starred
Question No.71(b)]

Subdivision	Figures of mortality from 1st April 1957 to 16th July 1958				
(1)	(2)				
(1) Nowgong	...	...	...	...	875
(2) Kokrajhar	...	...	...	...	1849
(3) Dhubri	...	...	...	...	419
(4) Goalpara	...	...	...	...	419
(5) Diphu	...	...	...	...	523
(6) Golaghat	...	...	...	...	1525
(7) Jorhat	...	...	...	...	1407
(8) Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	930
(9) Mangaldai	...	...	...	...	25004
(10) Tezpur	...	...	...	...	6024
(11) Barpeta	...	...	...	...	824
(12) Shillong	...	...	...	...	280
(13) Jowai	...	...	...	...	40
(14) North Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	1504
(15) Dibrugarh	...	...	...	...	1362
(16) Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	10
(17) Tura	...	...	...	...	91
(18) Gauhati	...	...	...	...	1054
(19) Haflong	...	...	...	...	139
(20) Karimganj	...	...	...	...	256
(21) Silchar	...	...	...	...	1240
(22) Aijal	...	...	...	...	Nil
(23) Lungleh	...	...	...	...	Nil

(c)—A list is placed on the Library table.
 [Statement laid on the Library Table in reply to Starred Question No. 71(c)]

APPENDIX A

Name of district	Subdivision	No. of V.A.S. No. of Ex-tension Officer (Veterinary) employed in Hospital and Dispensaries in N. E. S. Block*				No. of S. F. A. employed	No. of V. F. A. employed in N. E. S. Block	Remarks
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
1. Goalpara	Dhubri ..	..	3	6	1	7	..	*No. of E. O. (Veterinary's) are shown in District-wise.
	Goalpara ..	..	3	..	1	8	2	
	Kokrajhar ..	..	1	..	1	7	3	
	Total	..	7	6	3	22	5	
2. Darang ..	Mangaldai ..	..	2	4	..	14	1	
	Tezpur ..	..	4	..	1	17	2	
	Total	..	6	4	1	31	3	
3. Kamrup ..	Barpeta ..	..	2	6	2	30	2	
	Gauhati ..	..	4	..	9	55	4	
	Total	..	6	6	11	85	6	

4. Nowgong ..	..	Nowgong ..	..	8	3	2	52	4
	..	Total	..	8	3	2	52	4
5. Sibsagar ..	..	Sibsagar ..	..	4	5	2	10	1
	..	Jorhat ..	..	5	..	2	20	1
	..	Golaghat ..	..	4	..	1	15	1
	..	Total	..	13	5	5	45	3
				Total Veterinary Field 315 Assistants in this Department. 15.				
6. Cachar ..	..	Silchar ..	..	1	7	2	18	7
	..	Hailakandi	..	1	..	1	9	..
	..	Karimganj	..	2	..	2	8	..
	..	Total	..	4	7	5	35	7
				Total S. F. A. in the Department. 29 Total V. F. A. served in Scheme. 117 S. F. A. .. 8				
				Total .. 479				
7. Lakhimpur ..	..	Dibrugarh	..	5	6	1	16	..
	..	North Lakhimpur ..	..	2	..	..	8	..
	..	Total	..	7	6	1	24	..
				Total V.F.A. in N.E.S. Block. 32				

APPENDIX A—*contd.*

Name of district	Subdivision	No. of V. A. S. employed in the Hos- pital and Dispensa- ries.	No. of Ex- tension Officer employed in N.E.S. Block	No. of S. F. A. employed	No. of V. F. A. employed	No. of V. F. A. employed in N. E. S. Block	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
8. Khasi and Jaintia Hills.	Shillong ..	1	3	..	4	..	
	Jowai ..	1	..	..	2	..	
	Total	2	3	..	6	..	
9. Mizo District	Aijal ..	..	3	..	6	2	
	Lungleh ..	..	..	..	3	..	
	Total	..	3	..	9	2	
10. Garo Hills	Tura ..	2	3	1	1	1	
	Total	2	3	1	1	1	
11. North Cachar and Mikir Hills.	Hafong ..	1	4	..	5	1	
	Total	1	4	..	5	1	
	V. A. S. (Hospitals at) N. E. S. Other Schemes, e.g., Rinderpest		..	..	..	..	56
		..	..	..	..	50	
		..	..	..	..	13	
		Total		..	..	119	

(d)—No.

(e)—Government have taken up two schemes to turn out more doctors and Field Assistants. Under one Scheme, the number of seats in the Assam Veterinary College has been raised from 68 to 93 and under the other scheme 70 Veterinary Field Assistants are going to be trained every year. Government had also increased the number of scholarships in the Veterinary College to attract good students.

72. (a)—119 and 501 respectively.

(b)—200 under favourable conditions.

(c)—(i) Cattle ... 52,21,804 Nos.

Buffaloes ... 5,18,003 „

(ii) ... 16,69,555 „

(d)—There has been a difference of opinion and the Government are enquiring into the matter.

(e)—Such allegations have been received and they are being enquired into.

Encroachment into the professional grazing reserves of Tezpur Subdivision by the new East Bengal immigrants

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

*73. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that there has been mass scale encroachment of all the professional grazing reserves and Government wastes of Biswanath, Sootea, Nag Sankar and Barsala Mouza of Tezpur Subdivision since recently in a planned way mostly by new East Bengal immigrants ?

(b) Whether Government have received numerous representations about these encroachments from Sootea Rayot Sabha, Barsala public and others ?

(c) If the reply to question Nos.(a) & (b) above are in the affirmative, what action has been taken by the Government to evict the encroachers ?

(d) If the reply to question Nos.(a) & (b) above are in the negative, whether Government propose to enquire into the whole matter ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

73. (a)--(d)—Information is being called for.

Money spent on the different bridle paths in North Cachar Hills annually—its detailed information

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR asked :

*74. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) How much money has been spent on each of the following bridle paths in North Cachar Hills towards annual repair (*viz.* flood damage, cyclone damage, etc.), during the years 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 respectively—

(i) Section of Bridle path ;

(ii) Jatiga valley road ;

(iii) Haflong Laisong road ;

(iv) Lower Haflong Chotto Waphu road ;

(v) Laisong Harinagar road ;

(vi) Laisong Jiri road ;

(vii) Gonjung Kalachand road ;

(viii) Thanalambra Baga road ; and

(ix) Hotspring Diyungmukh road.

(b) Whether those annual repair works were done by the villagers or through contractors ?

(c) If by the latter how many contractors were engaged during these three years in different sections of the road ?

(d) What are the names of those contractors engaged and in what section of the road ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

74. (a) to (d)—Information are being collected.

Clearance of the road from Haflong town to Haflong Hill Railway Stations

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR asked:

*75. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Why the road from Haflong town to Haflong Hill Railway Station is remaining blocked for about a year causing serious inconveniences in respect of transport of essential commodities from Haflong Railway Station?

(b) The total length of the road to be improved?

(c) How many contractors have been engaged for improvement and widening of the said road?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

75. (a)—(c)—The informations are being collected.

(Starred Question No.76 standing in the name of Shri Rarendra Mohan Das was not put and answered, as the hon. Member was absent).

Standing orders of the Government regarding the halts, travelling allowance etc., for the officers under Community Development or National Extension Service

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

*77. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Project be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a standing order from Government that officers of National Extension Service or Community Development Blocks should do the following monthly night halts in their respective Project areas?

(i) Project Executive Officers or Assistant Project Officers—10 days.

(ii) Extension Officers—16 days.

(iii) Social Education Organisers—20 days.

(iv) Gram Sevaks—20 days.

(b) Whether it is a fact that there is a standing order that the travelling allowance bill of the above officers including fixed travelling allowances of Gram Sevaks should not be passed without fulfilment of the condition of night halts ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Internal Auditors do not compare the tour diaries and expenditure incurred in connection with travelling allowance bills ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

77. (a)—Yes. The following minimum number of night halts to be made by the officers noted below was laid down—

(i) Project Executive Officers/Assistant Project Officers—10 days.

(ii) Extension Officers—15 days.

(iii) Social Education Organisers—20 days.

(iv) Gram Sevaks—20 days.

(b)—Instruction was issued to see that the minimum number of night halts laid down per month was adhered to in passing travelling allowance bills of Gram Sevaks and others. It is doubtful if the Gram Sevaks remain outside their headquarters for 20 nights. It appears that in practice also it would be difficult to require them to stay outside their headquarters for 20 days a month. For this reason the matter is being reconsidered and the revised instructions will be insisted upon for adherence.

(c)—Government have received no complaint that Internal Auditors do not compare tour diaries and expenditure incurred on travelling allowance bills.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): What are the agencies to watch that night halts are made by these officers ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects): The work of the subordinate officers will be supervised by the Project Officers and the Assistant Project Officers, and so far as the Project Officers and Assistant Project Officers are concerned, by their superiors. The Internal Auditor will compare their tour diaries to see whether they have done touring as required under the Rules.

Budget provision for construction of certain Roads in the North Cachar Hills Subdivision

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR asked :

*78. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any Budget provisions was made for construction of the following roads in the North Cachar Hills Subdivision during the year 1958-59—

(i) Motorable road from Lower Haflong to Chotto Wapoo ;

(ii) Motorable road from Jatinga to Jatinga Lamphu ;

(iii) Motorable road from Mahur-Maibong Kalachand-Hajadisa-Khualadisa road (second phase) ; and.

(iv) Of improvement and widening of Mahur-Maibong Kalachand-Hajadisa road (first phase).

(b) If so, why the execution of any of the above schemes has not yet been taken up ?

(c) When steps will be taken up for the prompt implementation of the schemes ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

78. (a)—(i) to (iv) Yes, except for the Jatinga to Jatinga Lamphu as the project was not recommended for implementation by the Road Development Board. The road was not included in any of the road programmes.

(b)—Work on item (iii) and (iv) above is in progress. As regards item (i) the work could not be taken up for want of sanction to the estimate by the Government of India.

(c)—Every endeavour has already been made for prompt implementation of the projects.

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR: In view of the importance of the Mahur-Maibong-Kalachand road which goes right upto the Naga Hills border, do not Government consider it desirable to complete the work on this road soon ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: Yes, the work is in progress.

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR: Do not Government think that this road is of political and administrative importance ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: It is the hon. Chief Minister who can reply to this question.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : Yes, this is an important road, of course.

Stipends to tea garden labour students -throughout Assam

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*79. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have spent money for awarding stipends to tea garden labour students throughout Assam ?

(b) If so, what is the amount spent ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.1,800 has only been given annually to Hindusthan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh under this Head for the whole State of Assam ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Labour Minister) replied :

79. (a) & (b)—The Government have spent an amount of Rs.1,080 for the last three years for the scholarships at Rs.3 for stipends. The details are not readily available.

(c)—Government have no information.

Dead Rhinoceros near Haziraguri Forest Beat Office

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilashipara) asked :

*80. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that a big rhino was killed in or about March 1958 by shooting within a mile of Haziraguri Forest Beat Office in the Western Range of Goalpara District ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the rhino killed was found with its horn cut ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there is a forest about 2/3 furlongs from the place where the rhino was killed ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Range Officer, Western Range, informed the Officer-in-charge of Gossaigaon Police Station to take up its investigation on the 27th March 1958 ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Officer-in-charge of Gossaigaon did not enquire the matter ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that about after a month of that date the Divisional Forest Officer, Western Range informed the Superintendent of Police, Goalpara about the matter ?
- (g) Whether Superintendent of Police took any action in the matter and if so, when ?
- (h) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

80. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No.

(f)—Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara West Division informed the Superintendent of Police, Goalpara on 1st April 1958, i.e., after 5 days of the detection of the crime.

(g)—Yes. Superintendent of Police ordered the Officer-in-charge of Gossaigaon on that very day to take action in the matter.

(h)—Does not arise.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilashipara) : When did the Officer-in-charge of Gossaigaon Police Station go for inspection ?

Shri HARESWER DAS : The date is not with me ; but immediately after receipt of the information he went there.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED : I want the particular date.

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Minister said that the date was not with him.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED : Have Government come to any finding about the killing of this rhino and the disappearance of the horn ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : Some three persons were arrested, but it was found that there was no evidence against them.

Subdivisional Development Boards in Assam

Shri GHANASHAYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*81. Will the Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

- (a) On what principle the members of the Subdivisional Development Boards are selected?
- (b) Whether those principles are followed in selecting member of different Subdivisional Development Board of Assam?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some areas are over represented and some are neglected?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that a great number of Congressmen have been included in the Subdivisional Development Boards even though majority of M.L.A.'s of Barpeta and Mangaldai Subdivisions are non-Congressmen?
- (e) If so, what principle has been followed in making such selection?
- (f) How many Congressmen and how many non-Congressmen are the members of Barpeta and Mangaldai Subdivisional Development Boards including the Government Officials?
- (g) Whether Government will take into consideration the views of the M.L.As of the Subdivisions in selecting members of the Subdivisional Development Boards?
- (h) If so, when?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minster, Planning and Development) replied :

81. (a)—In selecting the members of the Subdivisional Development Board, Government consider amongst other factors, whether the person recommended believed in the general programme of development, whether he is the most suitable

representative and whether he would be helpful in the discharge of the functions of the Board. Normally members are selected from the following categories—

- (i) Persons of a representative character like M.Ps, M.L.As, Chairman of Local Boards, Municipalities and School Boards and representatives of Panchayats.
- (ii) Representative of Social and voluntary organisation and the Bharat Sevak Samaj.
- (iii) Representatives of Industry, Agriculture, Business, Co-operative institutions, Press Advisory Board, National Extension Service and Community Development Projects, Educational Institutions and of Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

In addition Government may also appoint other members.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government try as far as possible to ensure that all areas are represented on the Board.

(d)—As will be seen from the principles of selection given in reply to (a) above, representation is not given on the basis of political parties. Government have, therefore, no specific information regarding the political affiliation of the non-official members of the Barpeta and Mangaldai Subdivisional Boards.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(f)—The information is not readily available.

(g)—Government do not consider it necessary at this stage to reconstitute the Boards and hence the question of considering the views of the M.L.As does not arise. In any case, as soon as the Assam Panchayat Bill is passed, the Subdivisional Development Boards may have to be abolished.

(h)—Does not arise in view of the answer to (g) above.

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog): May I know whether there will be reconstitution of the Subdivisional Boards.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Planning and Development): There will be no general reconstitution of the Boards. In Goalpara the question has become difficult because many members are not attending and the Board is not functioning properly.

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Is it a fact that in the Barpeta Subdivisional Board, there are six members from the same family ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Well, Sir we have not been tracing the ramifications of families. We have only been looking for personalities, Sir.

Lower Primary Schools in Tea Gardens

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*82. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have since taken any definite decision and place over the tea garden Lower Primary Schools ?
- (b) If so, what Government propose to do for the primary education to these labour children ?
- (c) Whether Government have received any resolution regarding taking over of such Lower Primary Schools from I. N. T. U. C. and different Unions since 1947 ?
- (d) If so, what is the reason for the delay in taking action ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

82. (a)—No definite decision has yet been taken by Government to take over the tea garden Lower Primary Schools.

(b)—Government however decided to enforce supervision, curriculum, training of teachers, etc., in conformity with the standard laid down by Government and to set up an Advisory Board to look after this.

(c)—Government have received resolutions on taking over of such Lower Primary Schools from time to time but whether such resolutions date back to 1947 will need further scrutiny.

(d)—The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) : এই স্কুল বিলাক কোন সময়ত আৰু কিমান দিনৰ ভিতৰত লোৱা হ'ব চৰকাৰে জনাবনে ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) : চৰকাৰে স্কুল বিলাক ল'বৰ কাৰণে মালিক সকলক এটা Formula দি তাৰ যথাযথ উত্তৰ দিবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰিছে কিন্তু সেই উত্তৰ এতিয়াও চৰকাৰে পোৱা নাই। সেই উত্তৰ নোপোৱাকৈ স্কুল লোৱাত অসুবিধা আছে।

Namdang Sluice Gate, Dehingiagaon Bund and Bund from Tengaponia to Desangmukh

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*83. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the proposed sluice gate at Namdang in Sibsagar will not be useful at the present although originally planned to be such ?
- (b) What is the amount spent till now towards the construction of the said sluice gate and the time spent in this respect ?
- (c) Whether construction work is continuing or still is not started except earth-work ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that at present Namdang is an abandoned river and Mitong is the main channel ?
- (e) If so, whether Government propose to give up the project in the interest of the public as well as of the Government ?

*84. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state whether Government propose to construct the remaining Bund from Dehingiagaon to Assam Trunk Road, Desang right bank which begins at Bahgarh and ends at Dhaiali of Sibsagar within this financial year?

*85. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government will reconsider construction of the Bund from Tengaponia to Desangmukh for rehabilitation of the worst suffering people of Panidehing Mouza?
- (b) Whether Government have thoroughly surveyed the area that may be reclaimed for the purpose?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that for construction of the Bund, there will be no necessity to acquire land and property?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the main current of the Brahmaputra in this portion has been flowing by the north bank since last 2/3 years?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied:

83. (a)—No.

(b)—The amount spent so far stands at Rs.1,59,173 for the entire Scheme. An amount of Rs.20,000 has been spent for works specifically connected with the construction of the sluice. The Scheme was started from March 1955.

(c)—Materials for the sluice have been collected at the site and some cement concrete blocks for the super-structure have been cast at site. The actual construction of the sluice by way of casting foundation and laying the blocks for super-structure, etc., has not yet been started.

(d)—Namdang which used to fall into the Dikhu river has been diverted by this Department into the Mitong through Kacharijan to remove flood congestion in Jerengpathar. The portion of the Namdang near the Assam Trunk Road downstream of this diversion is now practically a dead channel for all purposes except during flood season when back spill of Dikhu river finds its way through it into the Jerengapathar.

(e)—Even after diversion of the Namdang into the Mitong through Kacharijan, a sluice in the abandoned portion of Namdang near the Trunk Road will be necessary to prevent flooding of Jerengapathar by the back spill of the Dikhu entering into it. If the people interested in Jerengapathar area now feel that they do not require protection of their land from flooding by Dikhu back spill and if reclamation of further area in Jerengapathar seems unnecessary Government may consider whether further execution of the Scheme can be abandoned.

84.—No. There is no provision for this work in the current year's Budget.

85. (a)—The Dhai-Ali from Tengapania to Desangmukh road is being maintained as a road-cum-embankment for this stretch of the Brahmaputra river. Government do not consider to be an economical proposition to construct any second embankment from Tengapania to Desangmukh running parallel to the Dhai-Ali closer to the Brahmaputra river specially when the area through which it will run is mainly a very low Reserved Forest area with isolated patches of low cultivable land and the river bank still unstable.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, the proposal may not involve acquisition of much land and other property owned by individuals.

(d)—The regime of the river has not yet stabilised in this reach and as such the main flow sometimes hugs against this bank and sometimes away even during the same flood season.

Fulgurijan Bund at Nalbari

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

*86. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation) be pleased to state—

(a) When the sluice gate and the Bund of Fulgurijan at Nalbari was started and when the same was completed ?

- (b) The total amount of money spent for completion of the Project ?
- (c) The area expected to be benefited by the Bund and the gate ?
- (d) The area of cultivable land which has actually been benefited ?
- (e) Whether Government do not consider it to be wastage of public money ?
- (f) Why a proper gate has not been provided in the Bund so far ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that there is a connecting Jan of Fulguri known as Kalkhowajan which was to be provided with a Bund and a sluice gate ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that nothing was done in this regard as a result of which about five thousand bighas of lands have been rendered unfit for cultivation ?
- (i) Why Government failed to complete Kalkhowajan Project, and whether Government propose to take up and if so, when ?
- (j) Whether Bund on Fulgurijan project was constructed twice previously unsuccessfully, once an earthen bund, then a pucca bund and they were washed away by flood water due to defective construction, causing loss of public money ?
- (k) What is the object of providing a controlled Bund ?
- (l) Why the Bund has not been useful for irrigating the paddy fields when there is great scarcity of water ?
- (m) How the Bund and gate can be made useful to the public immediately ?
- (n) Who is the officer or officers responsible for failure of the Project ?
- (o) What action is contemplated to remedy the loss ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

86. (a)—(o)—Informations are being collected from the Divisional Officer.

Destruction of crops in Nalbari and Hajo Areas

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

*87. Will the Minister of Agriculture and Food be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the menacing damage of Aus crop done lately by rice bugs in Assam, particularly in the north bank of Kamrup district in the Hajo and Nalbari areas ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that public reported the matter timely to the local officers, but it took long time for the State to take action in the matter ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that damage of crops are done by insects within five to six days in milking period, and that no action serves any useful purpose after that period ?
- (d) Whether Government will collect accurate statistics of damage done to crops by the pests ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the 'plane brought from the Government of India reached Assam after the menace was already done in the Nalbari area and hence no useful purpose was served to these people ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to take timely measures in future ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to encourage the agriculturists by giving seed loans, agricultural loans and power pumps for growing alternative crops ?

- (h) Whether Government are aware that haphazard issue of taccavi loans is useless and recovery of such loans is slow and in most cases doubtful ?
- (i) Whether Government propose to issue all loans through co-operative only ?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied :

87. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. Steps were taken as soon as the reports of attack were received by the District Agricultural staff.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, it is being done.

(e)—The Pests in Nalbari area were brought under control before the arrival of the 'Plane with ground spraying by the Departmental staff.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Yes, this is always being done.

(h)—It is not clear what is meant by "haphazard issue" of "Taccavi loan". Loans are issued through the Sub-Deputy Collectors and other Departmental officers who in consultation with the local Panchayats, select the deserving persons and determine the amounts. Recovery of loans have been slow because of the recurring distress every year for the last several years.

(i)—Loans are proposed to be issued through Co-operative as far as practicable. In fact, since 1st April 1958 over Rs.71 lakhs have been issued through Co-operative as short-term loan to agriculturists.

Allegations against the Contractor of Nalbari Basic College building

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

*88. Will the Minister of Public Works Department in-charge of Roads and Buildings be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have lately received serious allegations against the contractor of the building of Nalbari Basic College ?

- (b) Whether Government propose to lay on the table a copy of the contract deed for main building of Nalbari Basic College ?
- (c) Whether the contract deed specially required Bonsom to be supplied for doors and windows of the buildings ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Khokan, Laki, Pama, Holakh, Aramand and other inferior qualities of timber were supplied in place of Bonsom ?
- (e) If so, whether the specified items required to be provided under the contract deed can be altered by the contractor ?
- (f) Whether permission was taken by the contractor to change item of the contract deed before actual supply ?
- (g) If so, why notices were issued by the Executive Engineer and the Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department, to supply Bonsom goods ?
- (h) Why the matter is hanging for the last six months ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that marks have been placed by the Supervising and the junior Officers on the inferior quality of timbers supplied ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that all the timbers including the inferior quality of timbers have been varnished with a view to concealing the matter ?
- (k) Whether there is an attempt to pay the contractor at a nominally reduced rate to save the interest of the contractor ?
- (l) Why change of timber has not been insisted now ?
- (m) Whether there is any direction from any quarter to protect the interest of the particular contractor ?
- (n) Why the Public Works Department did not examine the quality of the timbers supplied by any specialist of the Forest Department, before the timbers were used ?
- (o) Whether Government will now insist on the work done according to specification and get the work done accordingly ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

88. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n) & (o)—Necessary informations have been called for.

Gajali Shikar in South Kamrup

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*89. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) How many seats were sanctioned for Gajali Shikar for the current year in the South Bank of Kamrup ?
- (b) How many applications were received for seats and who were the applicants ?
- (c) How much monopoly fee was offered by each of the applicants ?
- (d) Who of the applicants were approved by the Divisional Forest Officer and Deputy Commissioner ?
- (e) Who are the persons to whom seats have been allotted ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

89. (a)—Five seats were sanctioned for Gajali Shikar for the year 1958-59 in South Kamrup.

(b)—Ten applications were received for seats and they were as follows—

1. Shri Hem Ch. Choudhury.
2. Shri Bibhukanta Choudhury.
3. Shri Mahendra Ch. Das.
4. Shri Gajendra Ch. Bora.
5. Shri Debendra Nath Thakuria.
6. Shri Bongshidhar Talukdar.
7. Shri Mukunda Bhakat.
8. Shri Debendra Ch. Choudhury.
9. Shri Surya Kanta Kalita.
10. Shri Girendra Kr. Bora.

(c)—The monopoly fee offered by each applicants were as follows—

1. Hem Ch. Choudhury, as fixed by Government.
2. Bibhukanta Choudhury, as fixed by Government.
3. Mahendra Ch. Das, Rs.156 flat.
4. Gajendra Ch. Bora, Rs.225 flat.
5. Debendra Nath Thakuria, Rs.156 flat.
6. Bongshidhar Talukdar, Rs.125 for Tusker and Female.
Rupees 100 for Makhna.
7. Mukunda Bhakat, Rs.55 flat.

8. Debendra Ch. Choudhury.
Rupees 200 for Tusker.
Rupees 225 for Female.
Rupees 100 for Makhna.
9. Suryya Kanta Kalita.
Rupees 200 for Tusker.
Rupees 225 for Female.
Rupees 100 for Makhna.
10. Girendra Kr. Bora, Rs.231 flat.

(d)—The following six applicants were recommended by Deputy Commissioner and he recommended to raise the number of seats from 5 to 6.

1. Hem Ch. Choudhury.
 2. Bibhu Kanta Choudhury.
 3. Mahendra Ch. Das.
 4. Gajendra Ch. Bora.
 5. Debendra Nath Thakuria.
 6. Bongshidhar Talukdar.
- Divisional Forest Officer did not recommend anybody.

(e)—Seats were allotted to the following applicants—

1. Hem Ch. Choudhury.
2. Bibhu Kanta Choudhury.
3. Girendra Kr. Bora.
4. Debendra Ch. Das.
5. Mahendra Ch. Das.
6. Debendra Nath Thakuria.

Hoisting of Pakistani Flag in Siparia Professional Grazing Reserve

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

*90. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some East Bengal Muslim immigrants lately hoisted Pakistani flag in Siparia Professional Grazing Reserve in Sootea Mauza in Tezpur Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Sootea Rayot Sabha demanded an enquiry into the matter by a resolution adopted by the Sabha on 27th June 1958 ?
- (c) Whether any enquiry was made ?
- (d) If so, what is the result of the enquiry ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

90. (a)—No.

(b)—Except for a newspaper report that the Sootea Rayot Sabha had demanded a Government enquiry, no such resolution has been received by any Department of Government.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Enquiry revealed that on 21st April 1958, on the day of *Idd*, the immigrant Muslims of Siparia Chapori under Sootea police station gathered in an open field to perform *Idd* prayer and hoisted a red flag with marks of a new moon and a star in it during their prayer. It was reported to be a Muslim religious flag.

(e)—Does not arise.

Arms and ammunition shop at Tinsukia

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*91. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned one arms and ammunition shop to Muhmed Jalil at Tinsukia and it is situated in the same building where M/S. H. S. Poonoo Mia and Sons have been carrying on their partnership business ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that one of the partners of this firm has been carrying on business in East Pakistan such as at Sylhet, Dacca and other places ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that Mahmed Ibrahim a partner of M/S. Poonoomia and Sons, Tinsukia made an application to the District Magistrate, Dibrugarh on 14th April 1958 and made the following among other allegations against Muhmed Jalil a dealer with Arms and Ammunition :—

(i) That he has been making illegal and illicit sale of ammunition to unlicensed persons ;

(ii) That his minor son Makbul is allowed to handle arms and ammunitions and sell in absence of Md. Jalil ; and

(iii) That a good deal of arms and ammunition had been passed to Naga Hills from this shop during the last few years ?

(d) What actions were taken by the Deputy Commissioner on these and other allegations ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

91. (a)—A license to deal in arms and ammunition was given to Md. Jalil at Tinsukia by the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh in 1951. The license is being renewed from time to time with Government approval. The arms and ammunition shop of Md. Jalil is situated in the same building where M/S. H. S. Poonoomia and Sons used to carry on their business and where at present M/S. H. S. Poonoomia and Sons are carrying on their business.

(b)—The sole proprietor of M/S. H. S. Poonoomia and Sons is already dead and the question of any partner of that firm carrying on business in East Pakistan does not arise. Four of the sons of late H. Poonoomia are carrying on business now by forming a partnership under the name and style of M/S. H. Poonoomia and Sons and no partner of that firm is carrying on business in East Pakistan.

(c)—(i) }
 (ii) } Yes.
 (iii) }

(d)—The allegations were referred to the local police for verification and the police report is being examined by the Deputy Commissioner.

Seizure of gun from Powai Tea Estate

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)
asked :

*92. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the gun of Sri Lakshmi Kanta Gohain of Powai Tea Estate under Digboi Police Station of Dibrugarh Subdivision had been seized by the Officer-in-charge, Digboi Police Station on 16th June 1957, and that the same was returned to the owner after 3/4 months ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that the same gun had again been seized in February 1958, by the Officer-in-charge, Digboi Police Station ?
- (c) If so, what are the reasons thereof ?
- (d) Whether the Officer-in-charge was satisfied with the investigations before the gun was seized on both the occasions ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that in both cases the court was pleased to dismiss the accusations against Sri Lakshmi Kanta Gohain ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that the police had also seized the gun of Sri Gobinda Chandra Bora, an employee of Tipling Tea Estate, under Bardubi Police Station of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the gun has been seized on the complaint of Mr. M. A. Allison, the Manager of Powai Tea Estate ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that cases instituted by the police the report of the said Mr. Allison had been dismissed by Court ?
- (i) Whether Government will be pleased to make an enquiry into the matter and take necessary steps for the safety of the employees of Powai Tea Estate from such unnecessary harassment ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

92. (a)—Yes, the gun was seized on 16th June 1957. It was subsequently left in his zimma on 20th November 1957.

(b)—The gun which was under seizure but in the zimma of Shri Lakshmi Kanta Gohain of Powai Tea Estate was again taken into police malkhana.

(c)—The gun was seized originally on 16th June 1957, in connection with proceedings under section 107, Cr. P. C., of Digboi police station drawn up by police against Sri Lakshmi, Kanta Gohain. It was taken into police custody considering that the continued possession of the gun by Shri Lakshmi Kanta Gohain would endanger public peace. The gun was left in the zimma of Sri Gohain subsequently on the ground that the situation had improved and the gun could be kept in his zimma though still under seizure. After a visit to the area subsequently by the District Magistrate it was felt that it was unsafe to allow

the gun to remain in the custody of Sri Gohain and hence the gun was taken into police custody again. The gun was under seizure in connection with proceedings under section 107, Cr. P. C., all the time.

(d)—The gun was seized on the Officer-in-charge being satisfied after investigation that it was unsafe to keep the gun in the custody of Sri Gohain against whom the Officer-in-charge submitted proceedings under section 107, Cr. P. C.

(e)—The first proceedings under section 107, Cr. P. C., submitted by the Officer-in-charge, Digboi police station to the Magistrate on 17th June 1957, were dropped by the Magistrate on 27th May 1958, after recording evidence on the ground that there was no reason and evidence to order the second party Sri Lakshmi Kanta Gohain to execute any bond for maintaining peace. Before the first proceedings were disposed of, another proceeding was submitted by the police on 24th April 1958, after the situation was further studied by the District Magistrate and the Police. The second proceedings were filed by the Magistrate on 2nd June 1958, on the ground that the materials furnished by police suggested that there was a case of criminal intimidation for which the complainant may file a regular case under the appropriate section of law.

(f)—No gun belonging to Shri Gobinda Chandra Bora was seized by police.

(g) & (h)—Do not arise in view of reply to (f) above.

(i)—The first proceedings under section 107, Cr. P. C., against Sri Lakshmi Gohain of Powai Tea Estate were drawn up on the ground that the said Lakshmi Kanta Gohain had threatened some labourers of the tea estate saying that if any one gave evidence against him and other junior staff in the criminal case under sections 107/114, I. P. C., against them, he would kill them with his gun. The second proceedings under section 107, Cr. P. C., were drawn up against Sri Gohain on the ground that he was threatening to do away with the life of Mr. Allison of Powai Tea Estate who had earlier taken action against him leading to his dismissal on grounds of serious misconduct. The proceedings were started after due inquiry and in the interest of public peace and the question of unnecessary harassment does not arise.

Development Officer, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

*93. Will the Minister in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Development Officer Dibrugarh alters the amounts shown in different heads of expenditure in the Panchayat Budgets without referring to the respective Rural Panchayats ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that in many cases major changes are made and sometimes heads of expenditure are changed by the Development Officer, Dibrugarh on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner in the Budget properly passed in a Rural Panchayat ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the reason of such alterations are not communicated to the respective Panchayat ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that according to the procedure when any Budget is found defective or any alteration is necessary it should be returned to the respective Panchayats pointing out the defects or the necessary alterations and the Rural Panchayats should accept them ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the status of Rural Panchayats in Dibrugarh Subdivision has been reduced to that of a subordinate branch of the Rural Development Officer and the mode of addresses by the Development Officer in the letters to the Panchayat Presidents is lacking even official courtesy ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware of the fact that such attitude of the Development Officer, Dibrugarh is telling upon the growth of self-reliance of the Rural Panchayats ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

93. (a) to (f)—The informations are being collected.

Chapor Rural Panchayat

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked :

*94. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development Department be pleased to state--

- (a) When the Chapor Rural Panchayat has been dissolved ?
- (b) How long Government propose to keep the election of the said Panchayat pending ?
- (c) How and who are managing the works of the said Panchayat ?
- (d) How the budget of the said Panchayat are passed ?
- (e) Under whose authority the expenditures are made ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware about the anomalies of the works of the said Panchayat ?
- (g) If so, what action Government has taken in the matter ?
- (h) If not, who are the persons responsible to look after the working of the said Panchayat ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

94. (a) to (h)—Informations are being collected.

Manikuna Road in Karimganj Subdivision

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked :

*95. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development Department be pleased to enquire and state—

- (a) What amount was sanctioned by the Karimganj Subdivisional Development Board for construction of a road from Purahuria village to Manikuna, namely, Manikuna Road under the Self-help Grant ?
- (b) Whether the road has been completed ?
- (c) Whether the Development Officer inspected the road and necessary deed of gift was made by the owners of the land ?

- (d) Whether the sanctioned amount has been paid to the promoters ?
- (e) If not, why not ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Karimganj Local Board paid for the work from the Local Board fund on a bill through his contractor Monohar Ali when the work was done by the villagers on self-help scheme ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Local Board sanctioned this road after one year project taken over by the Self-help Grant in the name of Kalima Road and paid Rs.800 to the contractor Monohar Ali ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the Local Board Chairman caused a deed of gift for the road to be which was taken in support of the payment of Rs.800 ?
- (i) How far the deed of gift is genuine ?
- (j) If not, what steps Government propose to take in this matter ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

95. (a) to (j)—Informations are being collected.

Dismemberment of Rural Panchayats

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked :

*96. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether a Rural Panchayat President is empowered under the Assam Rural Panchayat Act to dismember with the approval of his executive council any Panchayat member who is found absent on its three consecutive meetings ?

- (b) If so, whether such action of the President can be challenged and execution thereof prohibited by the Local Subdivisional Officer ?
- (c) If not, why execution of a similar action of the President, Latu-Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat dismembering one Nani Gopal Swami and another member of the Rural Panchayat for their absence in four consecutive meetings was prohibited by Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that this prohibition of the Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj has deprived the Rural Panchayat of representations in their places who could better serve the public ?
- (e) Whether there are similar instances of dismemberment and subsequent intervention by the Local Subdivisional Officer ?
- (f) If so, where ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware of any earlier intervention in giving effect to the Panchayat resolution by the Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj in the case of Shri Gouri-Badarpur Rural Panchayat for which a reference was made to the Assam High Court ?
- (h) If so, what is the result of the reference ?
- (i) Why there has been repetition of similar action in the present case ?
- (j) Whether Government propose to cause the prohibitory order of the Subdivisional Officer to be cancelled and allow the decision of the Panchayat President to stand ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

96. (a) to (j)—Informations are being collected.

**Test Relief Grants to insect and drought-affected areas
in Nalbari**

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

*97. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state whether Government propose to sanction Test Relief Grants to insect and drought-affected area of Nalbari ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

97. Test relief is granted on merit of the case and the nature of the work to be done. If the proposal is received it will be examined.

**Dikhowmukh High English and Dikhowmukh Middle
English Schools**

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

*98. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether an amount of Rs.15,600 (fifteen thousand) was sanctioned in the name of Dikhowmukh High English School as storm-damage grants during 1957-58 ?
- (b) Whether the school is recognised ?
- (c) Who is the Headmaster of that High School and what is his educational qualification ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Headmaster of the said High English School is also the Headmaster of the Dikhowmukh Government Aided Middle English School ?
- (e) What is the enrolment in the said High English School during 1957-58 ?
- (f) Whether the enrolment was verified from the admission register by the Inspecting staff ?
- (g) Whether the amount as mentioned in (a) above was deposited in any Schedule Bank and spent for the purpose ?

- (h) Whether the Minister or the Deputy Minister-in-charge of Education and the Inspecting Officers visited or verified the expenditures?
- (i) If so, what were their findings?
- (j) What were the actions taken by Government when it was found that the amount was neither deposited nor spent duly?
- (k) Under whose recommendations the said amount was sanctioned?
- (l) If it is a fact that the said Middle English School was also given storm-damage grants and if so, what was the amount?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that the said Middle English School was granted the highest model scale amount among other schools of this kind in Sibsagar Subdivision?
- (n) Whether the need of the grant thoroughly verified?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

98. (a)—Yes, Rs.11,250. The matter is under investigation.

(b)—No.

(c)—Shri Kamala Saikia, who read upto Intermediate classes.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—Information not readily available.

(g)—Reported to be deposited in the Assam Co-operative Apex Bank, Sibsagar.

(h)—The Deputy Minister, Education visited the School.

(i)—It was found that reconstruction had not started till then.

(j)—The Inspector has asked the School authority to refund.

(k)—The Inspecting Officers. The matter is under investigation.

(l)—Yes, Rs.2,250.

(m)—No.

(n)—The grant for model scale was sanctioned on the basis of particulars received from the Headmaster of the School on the express condition that any savings are to be refunded to the Treasury.

Post-Graduate Teachers in Higher Secondary Schools

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)
asked:

*99. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that no provision has been made for M. As. in Assamese and Sanskrit in Higher Secondary Schools though other subjects will be taught by Post-Graduate teachers ?

(b) If so, why this discrimination has been made ?

(c) If so, why Government has not asked the University to abolish these subjects from its syllabus ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

99. (a), (b) & (c)—A provision for four teachers with Masters' degree for the subjects in Humanities exists. Assamese and Sanskrit subjects have not yet been taken up for the present due to heavy failures in English in the University Examination.

Rumai-Gabhoru, Kulapatha and Bahoni Venture Lower Primary Schools

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

*100. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Rumai-Gabhoru Venture Lower Primary School is situated in the compulsory primary education area of Saikhowa Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the number of students in this school is over 70 and the locality is inhabited by backward people ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Dibrugarh School Board has taken no step as yet to take over this school in this compulsory area ?

*101. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Kulapatha Venture Lower Primary School is situated within the compulsory primary education area in Saikhowa Mauza ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the number of students of this school is 74 and the locality is inhabited by people belonging to Backward Classes ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Dibrugarh School Board has not yet considered this number of 74 students as sufficient to take over this school ?

*102. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact Bahoni Venture Lower Primary School is situated within compulsory primary education area in Saikhowa Mauza ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there is no other Lower Primary School within a radius of more than two miles ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the communication to the other nearest Lower Primary School there is very difficult ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the number of students are over 50 and almost all students belong to Moran Tribe, a most Backward Class of the State ?

(e) Whether Government propose to sanction grant for this school and direct the Dibrugarh School Board to take over retrospectively with effect from 1st April, 1958 ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

100. (a), (b) & (c)—The information is being collected.

101. (a), (b) & (c)—The information is being collected.

102. (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e)—The information is being collected.

Storm-damage Grants to Schools in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*103. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some of the schools appeared twice in the list of schools for storm-damage grants in Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (b) If so, what are the names of those schools ?
- (c) Whether those schools were paid entire amounts or the allotments were diverted to some other schools ?
- (d) Whether such other schools were recommended as deserving to get storm-damage grants ?
- (e) If not, whether permission was obtained from appropriate authorities to divert the allotment to some other schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

103. (a)—Yes, in few cases.

(b)—(1) Abhyapuri Lower Primary.

(2) Dolakharia Lower Primary.

(3) Patsaku Girls' Middle Vernacular.

(4) Hatighuli Vernacular Lower Primary.

(c)—Allotments were diverted to other schools.

(d)—No.

(e)—Yes.

Stipends/Scholarships to Students belonging to Backward Communities

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

*104. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The number of applications for stipends or sholarships received from the students of backward community of High English and Middle English Schools from the State of Assam in 1957-58 (to be shown Subdivision-wise) ?

(b) Whether students of different subdivisions got proportionate stipends?

(c) Whether it is a fact that applicants of Nowgong and Silchar have been granted Special Scholarships much more than those of other Subdivisions ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

104 .(a)—No separate record of applications for backward class is maintained.

(b)—Yes, according to need.

(c)—No.

Building Grants for Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked:

*105. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any amount was included in the Budget provision for 1958-59 as building grants for various categories of schools ?

(b) If so, what is the amount, and if not, the reason for non-inclusion ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the public now-a-days contribute a reasonable percentage of these constructions ?

(d) Whether Government propose to grant monetary aid to the needy schools for their help and encouragement ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

105. (a)—Only Rs.1,00,000, for construction of hostels, in the normal budget.

(b)—For paucity of funds.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, if funds permit.

Provision of maps, chairs, etc., to Lower Primary Schools in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*106. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that most of the Lower Primary Schools in Sibsagar Subdivision have not been provided with maps, chairs, tables, bench, desk and other necessary equipments ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that proper education to the children has been hampered due to want of the above materials ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to accord sanction of a reasonable amount for the purpose during this financial year ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

106. (a)—Primary Schools all over the State are generally not adequately equipped for shortage of funds.

(b)—Government is looking into the matter.

(c)—Government will try to remove this difficulty as far as practicable within their limited resources.

Government grants to Kenduguri Middle English School, etc.

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

*107. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that grants were lately sanctioned to some schools who have got no existence at all ?

(b) If so, what are these schools ?

(c) When the matter was detected ?

(d) What actions are taken against the persons at fault ?

(e) Whether Government is aware that a written request was made to the Inspector of Schools, by the Questioner to see whether he could divert the amounts sanctioned for Kenduguri Boys' Middle English School and Kenduguri Girls' High School to some other institutions as there were no schools under these names ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

107. (a)—Not correct. The Schools exist but three schools were only wrongly named at first.

(b)—1. Kenduguri Middle English.

2. Kenduguri Girls' High School.

3. Samaguri Middle English.

(c)—On 30th May 1958.

(d)—No action is proposed.

(e)—Government have no information.

Powers, duties and functions of the Project Executive Officers ; steps for the allegations against them

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*108. Will the Minister in-charge of Community Project be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the duties, powers and functions of the Project Executive Officers ?
- (b) Whether it is one of the duties of the Project Officers to organise meetings of the party in power and to welcome the leading non-official persons of that party?
- (c) If so, whether Government propose to instruct the Project Officers not to do so in future ?
- (d) Whether it is also within the sphere of duties of the Project Officers to give more importance to the Subdivisional Officers, Deputy Commissioners and ordinary Congressmen than the Opposition M.L.As. ?
- (e) If not, whether Government propose to do something about it ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that some of the Project Officers ill-treated Opposition M.L.As. and was it referred to in the Assembly previously ?
- (g) Are Government aware that the Project Officers are creating a hedge between the people and the Opposition M. L. As. ?
- (h) If not, whether Government propose to institute an inquiry Committee to that effect immediately ?
- (i) Whether the Project Officers can change the recommendations relating to distribution of grants to institutions, by the P.A.C. ?
- (j) If not, whether Government will be pleased inquire about it ?

(k) Whether the Project Executive Officers have been given the powers to tell the people that it is the Project Officers who are the saviours of the people ?

(l) Whether Government will prevent the Project Officers to take part in local and party politics ?

(m) Whether Government will take seriously the informations given by the M. L. As. about the activities of the Project Officers ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

108. (a)—A copy of the duties, powers and functions of the Project Executive Officers are placed on the Library Table. [Please see Library Register No. S.66 (1)].

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply of 2(b) as noted above.

(d)—No. Further implications of this question are not understood.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply at 2(d) above ?

(f) & (g)—No such complaints have been brought to the notice of the Government by any Opposition M. L. A. and the questions are too vague to make an enquiry.

(h)—Does not arise in view of reply under 2 (f) & (g).

(i)—Yes. The Project Officer is the sanctioning authority of the grants-in-aid to institutions to the extent prescribed within the sanctioned scheme, and if the sanctioned scheme is different from the recommendation of the P.A.C. within the limits of the sanctioned scheme, Project Officer may sanction grants-in-aid.

(j)—Does not arise. If the hon. Member will give any specific instance of any irregularity done by any Project Officer, Government will certainly make an enquiry.

(k)—No.

(l)—As it is against the Government Servant's Conduct Rules to take part in politics, the Project Officers have to follow the Rules.

(m)—Government will always welcome not only the informations but also suggestions from the M. L. As. regarding all Project works including the activities of the Project Officers. If however, the question implies taking of steps against Project Officers on receipt of information from M. L. As. it will not be fair to take such steps without proper enquiry.

Seats of Shri Dhireswar Kalita and Hareswar Barman lying vacant—bye-election sought

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*109. Will the Minister of Local Self Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the seats held by Shri Dhireswar Kalita and Hareswar Barman in the Gauhati Local Board were declared vacant by the Additional District Judge, Gauhati?

(b) If so, when these orders were passed?

(c) Why no bye-election has been held for these vacant seats?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L. S. G.) replied:

109. (a), (b) & (c)—Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup.

Land given to the People of Mazulee at Meleng facing difficulty for roads ; Government steps necessary

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

*110. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that some flood affected families of Maju ee has lately been given land in Meleng requisition grant of Jorhat Subdivision?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that these people shall have to pass through the roads of Meleng forest reserve and the Melen Tea Garden ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that as these roads were closed by the respective authorities for general public, these people are in a very helpless condition ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to take some immediate measures to redress the distress of these people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

110. (a) to (d)—Information have been called for from Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar.

Land acquisition cases of Sibsagar—Pending works with the S.D.O.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*111. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many land acquisition cases are now pending with the Subdivisional Officer Sibsagar showing the purpose for which and the Department for whose purpose the lands are proposed to be acquired in each case ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that some cases are pending for the last 3/4 years ?
- (c) If so, how many cases are pending for such a period and why ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that many cases are pending for not taking timely and proper steps ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

111. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for.

**Contract of the supply of boulders to the bridge
Pagladia—an enquiry in it**

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*112. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any contract for supplying boulders to be used in the bridge approach over the river Pagladia in North Kamrup was given to two contractors ?
- (b) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to state the names of the contractors with the quantity of boulders to be supplied by each of them ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department checked the work on 13th May, 1958 and found only 12066 cft. of boulders ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Superintending Engineer on enquiry on 2nd June, 1958 found the bills very inflated and that the bill was prepared by one man only?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that out of the 12066 cft. of boulders 6000 cft. were collected locally from the river Pagladia for which the contractors did not spend anything?
- (f) Who checked the quantity of boulders supplied by the contractors and who is responsible for checking the bills submitted by the contractors?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the labourers have been shown as being paid at Rs. 2-8-0 and Rs. 2-4-0 per day although they have been actually paid at Rs. 1-12-0 only.
- (h) Whether Government propose to enquire into the whole matter and bring to book the wrong-doers?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

112. (a) to (h)—Information is being collected.

**Defective list of Lower Primary and Middle
Vernacular Schools for the grant by the
Sibsagar Regional Basic Board**

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKLA (Thowra) asked:

*113. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Venture Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools last recommended for grant by the Sibsagar Regional Basic Board when called for by Government ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the names of those Schools were from the statistics and datas collected for 1956 ?

(c) What is the date of calling the names of such Schools by Government ?

(d) What was the number of schools included under the Board ?

(e) Whether any school was left out from the list recommended and if so, the names of such schools and the reasons as to why they were left out ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that some of the most deserving schools were not recommended although established prior to calling for the names ?

(g) Whether Government have received any representation from the questioner to reconsider these schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

113. (a)—Venture Lower Primary	...	...	42
Middle Vernacular	...	...	17

(b)—Yes.

(c)—19th July, 1957.

(d)—Lower Primary 36 and Middle Vernacular 17.

(e)—Some Schools had to be left out as the enrolment was not as required. Names of these schools are—

(i)—Lohotia Lower Primary.

(ii)—Timon Mukh.

(iii)—Kathia Khunda.

(iv)—Nalani Lower Primary.

(v)—Balimari

(vi)—Raidangiya.

(f)—Government are not aware if the names of any deserving school was not submitted.

(g)—Yes. The matter is under consideration.

Matters pertaining to Rural Panchayat in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*114. Will the Minister-in-charge, Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Gharbandi Rural Panchayat in Dibrugarh was formed in the month of June 1956 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this Rural Panchayat was running without a Secretary from June, 1956 to 1st March, 1957, 16th July, 1957 to 16th October 1957 and 18th November, 1957 to 1st April, 1958 ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this Rural Panchayat could not get a Secretary for about 16 months out of period of about 20 months from the inception of the Panchayat up to 1st April, 1958 due to the negligence of the local Development Officer although there was budget provision ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that in some other Rural Panchayats in Dibrugarh Subdivision Secretaries were posted several months ahead of their formation ?

*115. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development (Panchayats) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Saikhowa Mauza was declared as Panchayat area with effect from 15th November, 1956 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that two Rural Panchayats were since formed there ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that necessary fund was not transferred to these Rural Panchayats up to April, 1958 ?
- (d) When necessary funds were provided with these two Panchayats and what are the amounts ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that in some other areas which were declared as Panchayat areas after 15th November, 1956 were provided with funds within the years, 1957 ?

*116. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the area under the Office of the Development Officer, Dibrugarh is very big in comparison with the areas under different Development Officers of the State ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that due to vastness of the area of Dibrugarh Subdivision the post of a Second Development Officer was created ?
- (c) When the post of a Second Development Officer was created ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that no jurisdiction of this Second Development Officer has yet been determined ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the nature of work so long assigned to the Second Development Officer at Dibrugarh could be performed by a Rural Inspector ?
- (f) When Government propose to post one of these two Development Officers to the Eastern Part of the Subdivision demarcating a definite jurisdiction ?

- *117. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to refer to the reply given to the starred question No.26 asked by the questioner in the Assembly on the 25th June, 1957 and state whether the centre for Miripathar Primary Panchayat in Lohol Mauza (Dibrugarh) has since been selected ?
- (b) Whether the enquiry as assured by the then Minister has since been made ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that person from one part of this Primary Panchayat are to cross either the Mohanbari aerodrome a prohibited area or two other Primary Panchayats ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

114. (a) to (d)—The informations are being collected.
115. (a) to (e)—The informations are being collected.
116. (a) to (f)—The informations are being collected.
117. (a) to (c)—The informations are being collected.

Maintenance of Registers for requisition and acquisition cases in the D.C's. Office

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked:

*118. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that case Registers are required to be maintained in all offices of the Deputy Commissioners of Assam for requisition and acquisition cases in proper order and cases are to be entered in a case diary for the purpose of putting up on the date fixed for action ?

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that no such Registers and diaries are maintained in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that most of such cases, are not put up regularly there ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that there is no agency to check in the registers of cases for pointing out lapses to the proper authority for taking prompt action for disposal of such cases ?

(e) Whether Government is aware that the requisition and acquisition cases in Dibrugarh Sub-division are delayed for several years ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

118 (a) to (e)—Information has been called for.

Works done at Maibong by the Project Officer— location of State Dispensary

Shri HAMDHAN MOHAN HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*119. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development Projects be pleased to state—

(a) What are the works under different heads that have been done by the Project Officer at Maibong ?

(b) When the works were done ?

(c) Whether the public are actually benefitted by them ?

(d) Whether it is fact that a State Dispensary is already there in Maibong Project Area ?

(e) If so, why another Dispensary within a radius of about 100 yds. is started under Maibong Project area ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

119. (a)—(i) Short-term Agricultural loan issued—Rs.50,000 (to 832 families).

(ii) Ahu paddy seeds distributed	204	mds.
(iii) Animals treated	..	890
(iv) Animals inoculated	...	9,595
(v) Animals castrated	..	43
(vi) Eggs distributed	...	69
(out of which 21 chickens surviving).		
(vii) L. P. Schools & Adult Literacy centres opened.		11
(viii) Ring Wells constructed	..	11
(ix) Road completed	...	16 miles
(x) Buildings constructed in Project Headquarters.		7

Works in other spheres are also in progress.

(b)—Within the period of about one year upto March 1958.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No such dispensary has been started at Maibong out of Project funds. There is, however, a proposal under consideration for opening one dispensary at Langting 17 miles off from Maibong State Dispensary.

Action for the murders and dacoities in the Pub and Paschim Samaria mauzas of Kamrup

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*120. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of dacoities and murders that took place during the last 6 months in Pub and Paschim Samaria mauzas of Kamrup?

(b) How many cases have been investigated and in how many cases charge sheets have been submitted?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

120. The information has been called for.

Persons arrested in Rickshaw Strike at Gauhati in May last, Compensation for damage caused by loot

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*121. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many persons have been arrested in connection with the Rickshaw strike incident at Gauhati in May last?

(b) How many persons have been charge-sheeted?

(c) How many shops were looted and damaged?

(d) What compensation has been paid to the shop-keepers who suffered loss?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

121. Information has been called for.

Registration of Lakwa Chah Karmi Sangha

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*122. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Registration of Lakwa Chah Karmi Sangha was cancelled ?

(b) If so, when and for what reasons the registration was cancelled ?

(c) Whether any case was started against the office bearers of the said Sangha ?

(d) If so, who were the accused persons and what was the result of the case ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Labour) replied :

122. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The registration of the Lukwah Chah Sangha was cancelled on 17th November 1956, for non-submission of the annual return for the year ending 31st March, 1956.

(c)—A case under section 31 of the Indian Trade Unions Act was launched against the office bearers of the Union for non-submission of the annual return.

(d)—The office bearers of the Union against whom the case was launched are as under—

(1) D. Saikia, President.

(2) T. R. Baruah, Vice-President.

- (3) Apal Swami Sonar, Vice-President.
- (4) H. C. Sah, General Secretary.
- (5) S. R. Gogoi, Joint Secretary.
- (6) B. N. Koiri, Joint Secretary.
- (7) T. S. Baruah, Treasurer.

The case against D. Saikia, President was, however, subsequently withdrawn as it transpired on enquiry that he had resigned from the Presidentship of the Sangha one and half year before the annual return was due to be submitted to the Registrar.

The case is still subjudice in the Court at Sibsagar.

**Refusal of leave for the Independence day in case of the
Public Works Department Worker in Sibsagar,
action of the resolution**

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*123. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the labourers employed in Public Works Department Ghats and Roads under Sibsagar Division were not granted leave on Independence and Republic Days since Independence ?
- (b) If so, what are the reasons ?
- (c) Whether the copy of a resolution to the effect passed by the special convention of the Public Works Department Workers of Sibsagar was received by the Government ?
- (d) If so what action has so far been taken into ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

123. (a)—This was the position at the beginning but now leave with pay is granted to them on Independence and Republic Days.

(b)—Labourers employed on Muster Roll are of casual nature drawing wages for the days they turn up for work. No demand for such holidays was made before. When demand for such holidays were received, Government have granted the same.

(c)—Yes, on 15th July 1958.

(d)—It was under active consideration of Government for a long time and they have since issued orders granting the following holidays with pay to the Public Works Department labourers in addition to all benefits and concessions in respect of weekly holidays, number of hours of work, extra wages for overtime work as admissible under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948—

(1) 15th August (Independence Day).

(2) 26th January (Republic Day).

(3) 2nd October (Gandhiji's Birth Day).

(4) Magh Bihu.

(5) Bohag Bihu.

Damaged caused by the Kakajan and Puthi river, Government steps interrogated

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked.

*124. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Flood of Kakajan and Puthi river is causing great damage to the paddy fields and granaries of the people of its neighbouring areas of the two mouzas viz., Holongapar and Chowkhat, for a long time ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that inspite of several appeals of the people to do something to save the people from the distress nothing has been done as yet ?
- (c) Whether Government will be pleased to arrange embankment to this river, so that the people can get rid of their distress ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

124. (a)—Government are not aware of any serious flooding in these areas.

(b)—No appeals have so far been received. But one resolution from Banpithaguri Prathamik Panchayat was received in December, 1957 and the matter was referred to the Executive Engineer, Jorhat for a report which is likely to be received after the effects of this flood season are observed.

(c)—There is no such proposals.

Suffering of the people due to the defective embankment of Jangimukh Bund

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

*125. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (Embankment and Drainage) etc., be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that due to defective embankment of Jangimukh Bund, a vast area of Chowkhat, Hatigarh and Teok Mauza is lying under water for the whole year ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware of the public feeling that if the water of this area is drained out by some outlet and sluice gate constructed the entire area will be suitable for paddy cultivation ?
- (c) If so, whether Government has taken any scheme for it ?
- (d) If not, whether Government will be pleased to investigate into the matter and do the needful ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

125. (a)—The area behind the Jhanjimukh Bund is an old waterlogged low-lying area which remained under water even before the construction of the bund. The Brahmaputra Dyke has prevented flooding of the area though it continues to remain waterlogged behind it and the question of reclaiming the area from waterlogging is now under investigation.

(b)—Yes. The feasibility of the proposal can be fully ascertained only after the investigations now in progress are completed. As several streams have fallen in the low pocket and then finally find their way into the Brahmaputra through mainly one channel called Melang it may be hardly possible to keep the entire area fully drained during flood season when the Brahmaputra will remain high and at the same time the area will receive full discharge of these streams.

(c) & (d)—No scheme has been definitely formulated as yet, but the matter is under investigation.

Money sanctioned for the construction of Dikhowmukh High English School—its expenditure questioned

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*126. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount of money sanctioned for the Dikhowmukh High English School to repair the damage done by storm of 1957 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Secretary on the advice of the Managing Committee started reconstruction of the building ?
- (c) If so, what would be cost of construction ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Schools, Jorhat has asked for the return of the money including the amount already spent on the reconstruction of the building ?
- (e) If so, what is the reason for doing so ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

126. (a)—Rs. 11,250 in two instalments.

(b)—No reconstruction work started upto July, 1958.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d) & (e)—The matter is under inquiry.

Syllabus, teaching methods and the qualification of the teachers of B.T. College, Jorhat

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

*127. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Syllabus of the present B. T. College, Jorhat is not similar to that of the Gauhati University.

(b) Whether the advertisement of the posts of Post Graduate Training College are in conformity with that of the Gauhati University ?

(c) If not, whether Government are aware that it will create some anomalies at the time of affiliation ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that this Institution has been established according to the direction of the Indian Institution of Education ?

(e) Why the College is not equipped with experts in methods subjects ?

(f) Whether the trained teachers are appointed in the B.T. College ?

(g) If not, why not ?

(h) Why no provisions for improving of teaching methods of Assamese language and literature is made ?

- (i) Will Government be pleased to make provision for lecturers to teach more methods subjects like Primary Curriculum, Science, Sanskrit, etc., and a Psychologist, so that this Institution can impart proper training to the teachers who are the moulders of the nation ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

127. (a)—The Syllabus is the same as that of Gauhati University.

(b)—Since the Gauhati University teaches up to M.A. in Education and the Training College only upto B.T., the requirements for both are not the same. The advertisement however, put the minimum necessary qualifications.

(c)—No. In fact, the College has already received temporary affiliation.

(d)—No.

(e)—Staff proposed will be able to teach the methods papers.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h) & (i)—Government propose to develop this College gradually. There is provision for teaching Assamese Methods.

**Lodging for the low paid and Middle Class People of
Kahara Rest House of Kaziranga Game Sanctuary
vehicle arrangement for the Tourists**

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

*128. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is no arrangement for boarding and lodging for low paid officers or middle class people in the Kahara-Rest House within Kaziranga Game Sanctuary.

(b) Whether Government propose to arrange for boarding and rest houses for these low income people in the game sanctuary ?

(c) Whether there is any vehicle at the disposal of the Ranger at Kahara for the use of tourists ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that such a vehicle is available at Jorhat for such purpose ?

(e) Whether Government propose to make arrangement to place a vehicle at Kaziranga Rest House for the comfort of tourists ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

128. (a) to (e)—Information is being called for.

**Restriction to the permit seekers for the Kaziranga
Game Sanctuary Fishing and Hunting of deer; steps
taken by the Government**

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

*129. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any permit system for the graziers in the boundary of the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that some graziers of Darrang district have received permits to graze their cattle at Arimuria, in the northern corner of the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the local graziers of Kaziranga and Bokakhat Mouzas have been refused such permits ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that some of the graziers who have no grazing permits, are hunting deer in the said Reserve ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that a gang of such persons was arrested some three months ago ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that some Muslim fishermen are fishing without permission which is also known to the Forest Officers ?

- (g) Whether it is a fact that sometimes past some influential persons were hunting deer within the Game Sanctuary ?
- (h) If so, whether Government propose to take immediate steps for discontinuation of such illegal actions forthwith and stop issuing permits to graziers ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied :

129. (a) to (h)—The informations are being called for.

Grants to Deroi, Panidihing Abhoypur and Sapekhati Reserves for drinking water

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*130. Will the Minister-in charge of Forest be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any amount was previously sanctioned for water supply facilities of the Forest villagers in Deroi, Panidihing, Abhoypur and Sapekhati Reserves ?
- (b) If so, whether any ring well or tube well was sunk somewhere ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that there is scarcity of good drinking water in these Reserves ?
- (e) Whether Government is contemplating sanction of a reasonable amount for the purpose in 1958-59 ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

130. (a)—(e)—Information is being called for, and will be furnished when ready.

Opium prohibition scheme in Assam ; its actual operation and results

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

***131.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any Opium Prohibition Commissioner in Assam ?
- (b) Whether there is any approved schemes for vigorous detection of opium smugglers of Assam ?
- (c) Whether the Opium Prohibition Commissioner has any authority to detect such cases ?
- (d) How many cases of opium smugglers were detected in Assam during the years from 1956 July, till date (Figure to be shown subdivision-wise) ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that some opium smugglers are smuggling opium in the very eye of the Excise Officers in Lakhimpur and Sibsagar Districts ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that some smugglers carry opium in their cars in the district of Sibsagar to Lakhimpur ?
- (g) If so, whether there any such case was detected by the department during the last two years ?
- (h) Whether the Government have detected such smuggling cases throughout Assam ?
- (i) Whether Government propose to take steps to detect opium smugglers through Intelligence Branch without the help of Excise staff ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied:

131. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The information is being collected.

(e)—Government are not aware of this.

(f)—Yes, there are reports like this.

(g)—Yes. Detailed information is being collected.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—There is already provision for detection of opium cases by Police Officers. There is however no proposal to entrust only the Intelligence Branch with such work.

Transport difficulty in Nowgong District and Mikir Hills Subdivision

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*132. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Nowgong District and Mikir Hills Subdivision have been taken out from the territorial jurisdiction of the Regional Transport Authority?

(b) If so when this decision was taken and when was it published in the Gazette?

(c) Whether any Regional Transport Authority has been constituted for Nowgong District and Mikir Hills Subdivision and if not what is the reason?

(d) Who is to deal with the cases of permits and allied things of Nowgong and Mikir Hills during this interim period?

- (e) Whether it is not a fact that public are harassed unnecessarily for this ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that Secretary, Transport has issued telegraphic instruction to Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati in early June not to entertain any application for permits from these areas ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that Secretary, Transport has instructed to renew permits of persons concerned temporarily for three months ?
- (h) If so, whether these instructions are not illegal and against the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

132. (a)—Yes. It is proposed to constitute a separate Regional Transport Authority for Nowgong and Mikir Hills Subdivision.

(b)—The decision was taken sometime back and objection to the amendment of the fourth Schedule of the Assam Motor Vehicle Rules, 1940 was invited *vide* Government Notification No.TCMV.56/55, dated the 24th July 1958 published in the *Assam Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 25th July 1958.

(c)—Some objection petitions have been received and they are under consideration of Government.

(d)—Gauhati Regional Transport Authority.

(e)—Some inconvenience might have been caused during the transitional period.

(f)—Yes. As now Regional Transport Authority for Nowgong was going to be set up soon, it was felt that Nowgong Regional Transport Authority would be the proper authority to dispose of cases for Nowgong.

(g)—For reasons explained in reply to question (f), a suggestion was made to the Gauhati Regional Transport Authority for their consideration. During the transitional period it was necessary to maintain essential supplies and services in public interest so that the local people may not be put into unnecessary inconvenience.

(h)—It was an advice to the Regional Transport Authority and was necessary in public interest.

Delay in removing the liquor shop from the existing place questioned resolution of the Gharbandhi Rural Panchayat to be considered

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

*133. Will the Excise Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government have not yet decided to remove the liquor shop at Panitola from the vicinity of Panitola High School in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that sufficient discussion was made on the floor of this House in the last Budget Session and difficulties created to the High School specially the girl students were thrown to light by way of questions ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the liquor shop up to first part of August, 1958 was in the vicinity of the High School and the annoyance created by the drunken persons is on the increase ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that seeing the annoyance and difficulties caused to the educational institution the lessee selected an alternative site and constructed necessary houses at a distance of about 3 miles to remove the liquor shop ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that the lessee has been waiting for an order from Government to remove the liquor shop since the month of May, 1958 ?
- (f) Whether the Minister-in-charge received a letter from the questioner on 11th June, 1958 *vide* Memo. No. 1149 of that day that officials suspected to be standing in the way of removal of the liquor shop from the vicinity of the school ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that Gharbandi Rural Panchayat adopted a resolution unanimously on the 30th May, 1958 urging upon the Government to abolish the liquor shop at Panitola if no alternative site was available for its removal from the vicinity of Panitola High School ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to accept the suggestion of the Rural Panchayat ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied :

133. (a)—Government have decided to remove the liquor shop ; but selection of site for the purpose has not yet been finalised.

(b)—Yes. Discussion was made but it was replied that there was no such complaint received regarding difficulties created to the girl students.

(c)—Yes. The shop is located in the vicinity of the High School. But no complaint has been received regarding the annoyance created by the drunken persons.

(d)—Government are not aware of this.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply at (d) above.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Devastation of *Aus* Crop by Rice-bug in the South bank of Kamrup; Entertainment of the representation for revenue remission; Supply of Seed and Loans for it

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*134. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he is aware of the devastation of the *Aus* crop in South bank of Kamrup and other places by rice-bug ?
- (b) What steps have been taken to give relief to the people ?
- (c) Whether he lately received any representation of revenue remission from Pub-Samaria, Paschim Samaria, Dakshin Sailibangshar Mauza, etc. ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to consider the question of granting land revenue remission to these people ?
- (e) Whether Government will consider the question of giving seed and seedling loans to these people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

134.(a)—Yes, some damages have been caused by rice-bugs.

(b)—As a relief measure, Government have so far sanctioned Rs.1,50,400 as Agricultural seed and cattle loans for Kamrup District as a whole which includes relief rendered due to destruction of crops by rice-bugs also. Another amount of Rs.26,000 has been sanctioned as gratuitous relief.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, remission proposals will be considered according to the provisions of Land Revenue Manual.

(e)—Government have already sanctioned relief as stated above. The question of further relief if necessary will certainly be considered.

Allegation against the Special Officer, Development of Community Projects regarding appointments of Staff ; recognition of the Institutions, etc.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

*135. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Special Officer, Development (Community Projects) Department lately refused to appoint one local man of the State as overseer, *vide* his letter No.CPE.71/56/-P.FII/415, dated 7th June, 1958 who passed from Imperial Institute of Engineering Technology, Delhi on the ground that the Institution is not a recognised one ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a large number of overseers are appointed in the department from South India for most of Community Projects of this State ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that most of these overseers were trained in institutions situated at Kerala and they got training for one year only ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that most of these institutions are not recognised by the Government of India?

(e) Whether it is a fact that students trained in these Engineering institutions are required to pass an examination conducted by Government of Madras to make them eligible for appointment as Sub-Overseer, Draftsman or in other posts below Overseers in that State ?

(f) If so, whether it is a fact that most of the overseers recruited from South India and appointed by Assam Government on contract basis at Rs.200 p. m. did not pass the Examination of the Government of Madras even ?

(g) Whether Government is aware that such under-qualified persons are appointed in the State of Kerala @ Rs.40 or Rs. 50 per mensem ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that persons with such qualification are accepting appointment in Assam at their own initiative @ Rs.100 per mensem or less ?

(i) Whether it is a fact that overseers coming out of Civil Engineering Institute at Gauhati and others who passed National Certificate course in Engineering with 3 years duration are appointed at an initial pay of Rs.125 whereas those overseers from Kerala with one year's duration of training in unrecognised institutions are appointed @ Rs.200 per mensem ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

135.(a)—Yes. On the advice of the Chief Engineer, because Imperial Institute of Engineering Technology, Delhi is not included in the list of Institutions of Engineering (India) by which the Public Works Department (Assam) go.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Most of these overseers are trained in institutions in the South, and particularly in Kerala. It is not a fact that most of such persons had received a training for one year only.

(d)—No. For purposes of recognition, the institutions included in the list of Institution of Engineers (India) are considered recognised Institutions. In addition, on the advice of the Chief Engineer, some other Institutions which were recognised by their respective State Governments were also recognised for employment on a contact basis, by Public Works Department.

(e)—Government have no information regarding the procedure of recruitment adopted by the Government of Madras, and the posts for which examinations are prescribed. It is however a fact that a certificate given by Madras Government Technical Examination Board is included in the list of Institutions of Engineers (India).

(f)—No, but there are some cases where inadequacy of qualifications have been noticed and these cases are under examination.

(g)—Government have no information.

(h)—So far as Government is aware, there is only one instance of a person receiving appointment under Public Works Department in Assam in overseer in Grade II.

(i)—It is a fact that the scale of pay for permanent posts of overseers in Assam is Rs. 125—275 per mensem. Due to dearth of local overseers and in order to attract people from outside the State, the Government are taking on contract basis in the scale of Rs. 200—350 per mensem. Government's attention has been drawn to some cases when persons from unrecognised institutions have been appointed @ Rs. 200 per mensem and their cases are under scrutiny.

**Representation from the Adhiars of Government
Agricultural Firms; Government protection**

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)
asked:

*136. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have lately received representations submitted by Adhiars of some Government Agricultural farms for illegally ousting them the Adhiary lands ?
- (b) What protection did Government render to them under the Adhiars Protection Act ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

136. (a)—Yes. A representation, dated 4th Bohag, 1365 B. S. from Shri Bipin Ch. Roy and others was received by Government.

(b)—Section 4 of the Adhiars Protection and Regulation Act, 1948 gives protection to the aggrieved party who may approach the Adhi Conciliation Board.

**Allegations against the Manager of Dewan Manikchand
Estate ; Government's enquiry invited**

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi)
asked:

*137. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of defalcations that occurred at the time of present manager of the Dewan Manikchand Estate ?
- (b) The time or period of defalcation detection and manner of disposal of these cases ?

- (c) Whether Government are aware that unauthorised sawing of timber under the auspices of the officers of the Estate is going on ?
- (d) If so, what is the number of saws which are in operation now ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that the unauthorised extraction is more than 120 cft. of timber a day and that Maniknagar portion of the estate is carrying on such brick and illegal trade ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that the outstanding rent of Maniknagar Tea Estate has been allowed to swell to about Rs. 40,000 much higher a sum than its valuation and the said garden is diminishing in value each year by the removal of factories and machines of the garden ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Manager propose to grant monopoly of forest of the said estate to the defaulting proprietor ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

*137. (a) to (g)—Materials for replies to the questions have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner and when received these will be forwarded to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, concerned.

Retrenchment of the labourers of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate and their re-employment

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

*138. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is a proposal to retrench a portion of the labour force in the Bidyanagar Tea Estate which is managed by the Court of Wards ?
- (b) If so, what is the number to be retrenched ?
- (c) What is the reason for retrenchment ?

(d) Whether Government are going to provide the retrenched labourers with any alternative employment, if so, how ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that in the district of Cachar a large number of labourers have already been retrenched ?

(f) Whether Government have taken up any other garden where they may employ the surplus labour of Bidyanagar ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

138. (a)—Yes.

(b)—About 400.

(c)—This number of garden labourers has become surplus to the garden requirement.

(d)—No labourers of Bidyanagar Tea Estate have yet been retrenched though it is possible that this may be done in future. The problem of garden labourer becoming surplus to requirement has for some time been engaging the attention of the Government. Local Employment Exchanges have been requested to have the names of the labourers who are thrown out of employment registered in different Employment Exchanges through the good offices of the Directorate of Employment and National Services, Assam. The Employer Associations have also been requested to examine the possibility of recruiting labourers locally instead of recruiting from outside to assist the Government to meet this problem. The labourers are also cultivating garden land and they will be allowed to continue in their cultivation even after retrenchment.

(e)—Yes. This is mainly due to closure of gardens for financial difficulties.

(f)—As stated in reply to question (d) the Employer Associations have been requested to examine the possibility of recruiting labourers locally to meet the problem instead of recruiting from outside the State.

**Narrowness of the Kakodonga bridge of Assam
Trunk Road and steps to widening it**

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

*139. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the bridge over river Kakodonga on Assam Trunk Road at the border of Golaghat and Jorhat Subdivision is very narrow ?

(b) Whether Government proposes to take immediate steps for its widening and improvement ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

139. (a)—This bridge is 10'-0" wide and is meant for Single lane traffic.

(b)—There is no such proposal for widening the bridge at present but this will be given due consideration when funds become available.

In this connection the attention of the hon. Member is drawn to reply to Assembly question No. 87 during the last Budget Session.

Enquiry about the 35 servants in the Bungalow of the Manager, Bidyanagar Tea Estate ; Expenditure on them and medical facility shown

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

*140. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether more than 35 (thirty five) servants have been employed in the Bungalow of the Manager of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate ?

(b) If so, what is the work assigned to these workers ?

- (c) What is the area of the vegetable garden of the bungalow and what was the area before the year 1953 ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the statement of annual expenditure in furnishing the bungalow year by year since 1949 to 1958 and repairing of the bungalow since 1945-58.
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the list of the works of the said garden executed on contract basis since 1954 and the expenditure involved therein ?
- (f) What is the number of workers employed in the houses of the members of the staff ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that labour force does not get medicines from the garden hospital and they have to purchase the same from the market for their treatment ?
- (h) What is the number of the Sirdars in the said garden ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware or have received reports to the effect that the payment has been shown in the books against the names of those workers who were absent ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

140. (a) to (i)—Materials are being collected. On receipt of the same, M. L. A. concerned will be informed.

Maintenance of Rajgarh Road by the Government

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*141. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has received any representation to take over the maintenance of Rajgarh Road from Sepon-Suffry Road to Pithaguti ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said road is leading through the Diroi Forest Reserve ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that where the said road will be taken over by the Forest Department it will be convenient to visit the entire Reserve and also be a short-cut from the headquarters ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

141. (a) to (c).—Information is being collected.

List of distressed People of Nalbari caused by floods in June 1957 ; refusal of relief to some religious institutions reasons called for

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURI (Nalbari-East) asked :

- *142.(a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to lay on the Library Table the list of distressed people of Nalbari circle affected by the devastation floods of June, 1957 and to whom gratuitous relief for rehabilitation was given ?
- (b) What are the reasons that Namghars, Douls Masjids, and Libraries which are in genuine need of such relief were denied of this benefit ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to grant such relief to similar public institution affected by floods ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

142.(a).—A list of persons who were affected by the floods in June, 1957 is placed on the Library Table. [Please see Library Register No. S.66(2)]. The following persons were given gratuitous relief at the rate shown against each—

1. Sri Parasuram Kalita	...	...	Rs.300
2. Sri Gajendra Kalita	...	...	Rs. 50
3. Sri Mahi Kalita	...	...	Rs. 50
4. Sri Badan Ch. Kalita	...	...	Rs. 50

All these people are living in village Kamarkuchi under Uparbarbhag Mauza.

(b) & (c).—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Steps taken by the Government to check the encroachers of the Panidihing and Deroi Forest Reserves

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*143. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that large scale encroachment is going on at Panidihing and Deroi Forest Reserves in Sibsagar Subdivision?

(b) Whether Government has taken steps to evict the new organised encroachers ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that many valuable trees were felled by these organised encroachers of Deroi reserve on the southern side of Rajgarh road ?

(d) If so, what steps were taken against the persons who caused damage to this National Property?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

143.(a) to (d)—Information is being called for, and will be furnished when ready.

Rehabilitated Forest villagers of Deroi Forest Reserve, medical relief, and Classification of the villagers

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*144. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) The number of families rehabilitated as Forest Villagers at Deroi Forest Reserve and also the number of houses provided for landless people including the old villagers of the said reserve ?

(b) Whether there is any medical facility for those villagers ?

- (c) Whether any representation from the villagers and also from the questioner for establishment of a Dispensary there was received ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that 98 per cent of the villagers are from Plains Tribes and Backward communities ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

144. (a) to (d)—Information is being called for, and will be furnished when ready.

**Extension of the boundary, Kaziranga Game Sanctuary—
Case of Compensation to the People**

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

*145. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Forest Department proposes to extend the boundary of the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the proposed extension has been made by acquiring paddy and basti lands belonging to the cultivators of the neighbouring areas ?
- (c) If so, why ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Forest Department proposes to extend the eastern boundary of the sanctuary beyond Defaloo River upto a certain portion of adjoining village land only because they cannot demarcate beats of Kaziranga Game Sanctuary ?
- (e) Whether Government have sanctioned any compensation to the people of Halodhibary of Kaziranga Mouza for acquisition of their lands to extend the Sanctuary ?

(f) Whether Government proposes to enquire into the extension of boundary of the Game Sanctuary and take measure to protect the land of poor peasants of the neighbouring villages ?

(g) Whether the Forest Department or the Minister in-charge, has convened any meeting at Kaziranga sometimes past to hear the public grievances of the neighbouring people and to form a good relation with them ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

145. (a) to (g)—The informations are being called for.

Case placed before the Land Settlement Advisory Committee about Potuasola V. G. R. of Sibsagar

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Dergaon) asked:

*146. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government directed the local authorities to place before the Land Settlement Advisory Committee about the case of Potuasola V. G. R. of Sibsagar to decide about opening or keeping it reserved ?

(b) If so, whether the matter was actually placed before the said Committee ?

(c) If the reply is in the affirmative, what was the decision of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee and when it was decided ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that there has been encroachment of the area this year including the area on which Ahu crops were grown ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the crops were sold in auction and if so, what was the amount received ?

- (f) What was the amount spent for harvesting the crops including expenses of officers and labourers ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Sub-Deputy Collector along with villagers went to the field on 24th June 1958 for the purpose of harvesting ?
- (h) Whether it is also a fact that the harvesting was to be done only on 12th July, 1958 whereas the encroachers began harvesting from 1st July 1958 ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that public filed petitions informing about the harvesting by the encroachers ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

146. (a) to (i)—Report has been called for from the local officer.

Total area of land of the P. G. Rs. under Jorhat Subdivision; Permit holder Graziers facility derived from them

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (R served for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*147. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total area of land within the following P. G. Rs. in Jorhat Subdivision ?
- (i) Randhanijan P. G. R. ;
 - (ii) Raumari P. G. R. ;
 - (iii) Tingtingia P. G. R. ;
 - (iv) Rongagora P. G. R. ; and
 - (v) Malaupathar P. G. R. ;
- (b) How many Permit Holder Graziers are there within the said P. G. Rs. ?
- (c) How many Permit Holder Graziers of Jorhat Subdivision graze their cattle in a year ?

(d) How many months the graziers graze their cattle on these P. G. Rs. in a year ?

(e) What is the total quantity of the P. G. Rs. that go under water during the rainy seasons (figures to be shown grazing-wise).

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

147. (a) to (e)—Report has been called for from the local officer.

Enquiry about the delay of Tezpata and Lime from Shillong

Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY [Cherrapunji (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*148. Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state the reasons for delay in despatching the goods booked in the Shillong State Transport Station of the following articles—

(i) Tezpata booked on 11th July 1958 (Invoice No.259) for Calcutta was despatched from Shillong Station on 9th August 1958.

(ii) Tezpata booked on 17th July 1958 (Invoice No.265) for Calcutta not despatched even on 12th August, 1958.

(iii) Lime booked on 21st July 1958 (Invoice No.51-G) for Silchar not despatched even on 12th August, 1958.

(iv) Lime booked on 26th July 1958 (Invoice No.145) for Dibrugarh not despatched even on 12th August, 1958.

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

148.—(i) Sent on 9th August 1958.

(ii) Sent on 24th August 1958.

(iii) Sent on 16th August 1958.

(iv) Sent on 19th August 1958.

Empty trucks running from Shillong to Gauhati

Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY [Cherrapunji (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*149. Will the Minister of State Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that during that period from 17th July 1958 upto 12th August, 1958 there were State Transport Trucks which went empty from Shillong to Gauhati ?
- (b) If so, whether he will be pleased to state the number of trucks which went empty from Shillong to Gauhati during the said period ?
- (c) Who is the Officer-in-charge of the Transport of goods to Gauhati and beyond Gauhati ?
- (d) When the said goods will be transported from Shillong Station to be despatched to their destinations ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

149. (a)—Not a single truck was sent down to Gauhati empty.

(b)—Does not arise for replies given in item (a) above.

(c)—Shri G. K. Phukan, Station Superintendent, State Transport, Shillong and Shri M. Hussain, Station Superintendent, State Transport, Gauhati.

(d)—Does not arise as the consignments had already been sent down.

Imports Permits given for all Categories of goods ; Names of firms received with specified quotas ; Propo- sal for *ad-hoc* quotas

Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALLA (Tezpur) asked :

*150. Will the Minister-in-charge of Commerce Department be pleased to enquire and state—

- (a) The number of import permits for all categories of goods secured on the recommendations of the State Government during the years 1957 and 1958 ?

- (b) The names of the firms and persons of the State who were given import permits stating the items of the import and value ?
- (c) How many permits were issued to establish importers and new comers with their names and addresses on the recommendation of the State Government ?
- (d) Whether Government will try to obtain *ad-hoc* quotas for the merchants of Assam on woolen goods, cycle parts, cycle tyres umbrella ribs, rickshaw parts, motor parts, news prints, blades, wools, pruning knives, kadalies and other agricultural implements and recommend the local firms only for all export and import permits to the Central Government ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Trade and Commerce) replied :

150. (a) & (b)—The procedure is that established importers and new comers are granted import licences by virtue of their being in the import trade already. They do not require recommendations of the State Governments.

Another category *viz.*, actual users get import licences on the recommendations either of the State Government or of the Development Officer concerned with the Industry in the Development Wing of the Commerce and Industry Department of the Government of India.

The import licence is granted to M/S. Maskara Paint Nalbari, Items—Carbon Black, Gilsonite, P. G. Red, Oxide Blanc Fire—Rs. 19,500 (Rupees nineteen thousand and five hundred).

Applications have also been received from the following firms and their cases have been recommended to the Government of India. It is not known whether these firms have been granted import permits—

1. Executive Engineer, Town and Village Electrifications Divisions, Gauhati.
2. M/S. Goenka Engineering Works, Shillong.

3. The Managing Director, Pine Wood Hotel Private, Ltd., Shillong.

(c)—As above.

(d)—Kindly refer to reply above. Government will examine the suggestions.

Damage of Ahu crops in different districts ; measures of Protection and relief given

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

*151. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) In how many districts Ahu crops were affected by pests during this year ?

(b) What is the total area so affected ?

(c) Why no prompt protective measures were taken ?

(d) Whether Government have given any gratuitous relief, cattle loan, agriculture loan or test relief to the cultivators who have lost their crops this year due to damage of crops by pests ?

(e) If not, why not ?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied:

151. (a)—4 Districts, viz., Goalpara, Kamrup, Darrang and Nowgong.

(b)—About 35,060 acres.

(c)—Steps were taken as soon as report of attack was received by the District Agricultural staff.

(d)—Relief measures have been taken. Detailed information will be submitted later.

(e)—Does not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were laid on the table)

Srikona Industrial Training Institute

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai) asked :

55. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Industrial Training Institute at Srikona has been further up-graded this year ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there are under-qualified Instructors in the Industrial Training Institute, Srikona ?

(c) If so, why this was done when there was no paucity of trained people ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

55. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Dibrugarh Embankment and Drainage Subdivision

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

56. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Dibrugarh Embankment and Drainage Subdivision comprises the area of Dibrugarh, Public Works Department Division ?

(b) For the best interest of the public, whether Government propose to open an Embankment and Drainage Subdivision at Doom-Dooma ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied:

56. (a)—The Dibrugarh Embankment and Drainage Sub-division comprises all Embankment and Drainage Works falling under the Dibrugarh Civil Subdivision, excepting the Dibrugarh Protection Works.

Its jurisdiction is, however, not identical with the area covered by Dibrugarh Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) Division with the following Subdivisions thereunder:—

1. Dibrugarh Subdivision.
2. Medical College Construction Subdivision.
3. Tinsukia Subdivision.
4. Doom-Dooma Subdivision.
5. Chapa Khowa Subdivision.

(b)—No.

Malaria Sub-unit at Manikpur

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

57. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Malaria Sub-unit was established at Sorbhog?
- (b) If so, why it was removed to Manikpur?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Minister-in-charge of Medical promised to locate the office of Manikpur and Sorbhog for six months at each place by turn during each year?

- (d) If so, why the promises have not been kept up till now ?
- (e) When the Sub-unit will be removed to Sorbhog ?
- (f) For how many months the Sub-unit has been at Manikpur since it was shifted from Sorbhog ?
- (g) Why D. D. T. has not been sprayed to all the villages of Sorbhog Thana ?
- (h) How many villages of Sorbhog Thana has been covered by D. D. T. ?
- (i) How many villages are there in Sorbhog Thana ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that D. D. T. has been sprayed since the beginning mixing with water and not a drop of kerosene within Rijni Thana ?
- (k) If so, what step Government has taken in the matter ?
- (l) Whether Government have received any complaints from the public in this respect ?
- (m) What percentage of kerosene should be mixed with D. D. T. per gallon ?
- (n) Whether Government propose to give a complete spraying of D. D. T. within Sorbhog Thana without leaving a single village ?
- (o) If so, when this will be done ?
- (p) What is the distance of Sorbhog and Manikpur from railway stations that is Sorbhog and Patiladaka respectively ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

57. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Due to convenience from the point of view of operation.

(c)—Yes.

(d) & (e)—The unit will be shifted to cover the second round of spraying which will commence from October, 1958 provided suitable accommodation and other facilities become available at Sorbhog.

(f)—Seven months.

(g)—The spraying team had not the facility to carry on the work.

(h)—About $\frac{3}{4}$ th of the area.

(i)—299 (approx.).

(j)—Yes.

(k)—Does not arise.

(l)—No. Wettable D. D. T. has to be mixed with water and people have nothing to suggest or complaint.

(m)—No kerosene to be used with wettable D. D. T.

(n)—Yes.

(o)—The entire area is expected to be covered in the second round of spraying to commence in about October, 1958.

(p)—Sorbhog $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, Manikpur 3 miles.

Assam Homeopathic Medicine Board

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

58. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government intend to introduce Homeopathic System of treatment in the State ?

(b) Why the Assam Homeopathy Medicine Act passed in 1955 has not yet been acted upon ?

(c) Whether a Board has been duly constituted, and if so, who are the Members of the Board ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that some most reputed Homeopath have not been taken on the Board ?

(e) Whether Government propose to function the Board forthwith by including the most reputed Homeopaths on the Board ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

58. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The rules framed under the Act were not finalised.

(c)—Yes.

The names of the Members of the Board are as follows:

1. Dr. Hiralal Chakravarty, Matriculate, M. H. M. S. (Allen Homeo College and Hospital, Calcutta, registered with the Government State Faculty, Bengal), P. O. Tinsukia, Lakhimpur.

2. Dr. Priyanath Choudhury, D. M. S. (Cal.) (Homeopathic College), Bajali, Kamrup.

3. Dr. Susil Kumar Dev, H. M. D. (Dacca Imperial Homeo College, Registered), Shillong Homeo Stores, Police Bazar, Shillong.

4. Dr. Dwijendra Nath Bhattacharjee (Diploma from Bengal Allen Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital in 1939-40, Registered No.7304—General Council and State Faculty of Homeopathic Medicine), College Road, P. O. Silchar, Cachar.

5. Shri S. Ghosh, Ex-M.L.A., Tangla.

6. Shri R. N. Barua, M.L.A., Golaghat.
7. Shri Maham Singh, *ex-M.L.A.*, Shillong.
8. Dr. S. B. Bhattacharjya, M. B., Shillong.
9. Dr. L. K. Barooah, L. M. P., Nowgong.
10. Shri L. P. Changkakati, B. L., Shillong.

11. The Director of Health Services, Assam Shillong, who shall be the *ex-officio* Chairman of the Board.

(d)—Government are not aware.

(e)—Yes, but Government do not propose to include any more member at present.

Vella Dispensary in Barpeta Subdivision

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

59. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the amount of Subsidy the Vella Dispensary of Barpeta Subdivision is getting each year ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said Dispensary has been taken over by the Barpeta Local Board ?
- (c) If so, whether Government was consulted by the Local Board authority before taking it over ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that another dispensary building was constructed adjoining to old subsidised dispensary and a doctor and a compounder was appointed ?
- (e) Whether two dispensaries can be run in this way on the same place ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire about it ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

59. (a)—Rupees one thousand four hundred sixty per year.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Government have no information.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

X' Ray Plant at Silchar Civil Hospital

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

60. Will the Minister for Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the X'Ray Plant at Silchar Civil Hospital remains unworkable often causing immense difficulties to both patients and physicians?

(b) If so, what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy this state of affairs?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

60. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Steps have been taken to have the machine repaired by M./S. General Electric Co. of India (Private), Ltd., Calcutta.

Ayurvedic Dispensaries under the Second five year plan

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

61. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many Ayurvedic Dispensaries have been opened and are going to be opened during the Second Plan period?

(b) If so, how many patients are being treated dispensary-wise?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

61. (a)—

(i) Government Subsidised Ayurvedic Dispensaries proposed to be opened during the Second Five Year Plan period.—30 at six a year.

(ii) Opened up till now—6.

(iii) Going to be opened 24 out of which 10 more subsidised dispensaries are proposed to be opened during the Calendar year 1958.

(b)—Average number of patients treated daily in each dispensary—20.

**Primary Health Unit of Morabazar Chariate,
Sibsagar Subdivision**

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

62. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the plan and estimate of Primary Health Unit, Morabazar Chariate of Sibsagar Subdivision have been finalised?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to start the construction works at an early date?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)
replied:

62. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, as early as possible.

Border Outposts

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj)
asked :

63. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Pakistan border out-posts on the western boundary of Goalpara District are never visited by the Superintendent of Police of Goalpara for a long time.

(b) Whether it is a fact that the staff of some border outposts are facing much trouble for accommodations and they submitted many representation to the Superintendent of Police but to no action ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied:

63. (a)—It is not a fact.

(b)—Complaints were received by the Superintendent of Police, Goalpara for inadequacy of accommodation from some of the out-posts and necessary action has been taken to remove the difficulties.

Superintendent of Police, Goalpara

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI asked:

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

64.(a) Whether it is a fact that a constable named Najiruddin Barlaskar was very badly assaulted by the Superintendent of Police, Goalpara at Dhubri in the month of March, 1958 ?

(b) Whether there was general strike among all police in the Dhubri reserve in this matter and they all charged the Superintendent of Police for unmannerly behaviour ?

(c) Whether the said constable was lately suspended and discharged without drawing any proceeding ?

(d) If so, what are the charges against the constable ?

(e) Whether the said constable subsequently turned mad ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

64. (a)—No it is not a fact.

(b)—No.

(c) & (d)—He was suspended and discharged from service by drawing up departmental proceedings for absenting himself from duty without permission with effect from 7th November 1956.

(e) Government have no such information.

Kumbhira Dong

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

65. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(a) Whether a Dong will be constructed from the Kumbhira River for the interest of Bjni and Hastinapur Muzas of Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) Whether the Subdivisional Officer, Embankment and Drainage visited the river sometime back along with the Questioner ?

(d) If so, what action has been taken for the construction of the Dong ?

(e) What will be the cost of this Dong and Bund for irrigation purposes ?

(f) Whether this Project has been selected by the Project Advisory Committee, Jolah Community Development Block, Barpeta Subdivision ?

(g) When this scheme was approved ?

(h) When the work will be started ?

(i) Why Government is not given top priority to this irrigation Project ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied:

65. (a) & (b)—The proposal is under investigation. The implementation of the proposal will depend on its feasibility and availability of funds.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Please refer to replies at (a) & (b) above.

(e)—This will be known after completion of investigation.

(f)—This is one of the three projects recommended by the Jolah Project Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 12th September 1957 for selection on priority basis for implementation.

(g)—The scheme has not yet been approved.

(h)—Please refer to replies at (a) & (b) above.

(i)—The relative priority of the three projects recommended by the Project Advisory Committee can be fixed only after preliminary investigations are completed.

Beki Embankment

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

66. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has constructed an embankment on the right bank of the Beki River from Matharguri downwards ?
- (b) If not, why not ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that due to the construction of the embankment from Matharguri to Bansbari on the left bank considerable damage has been caused to the people of right bank on account of the pressure of more water ?
- (d) If so, why Government has neglected this embankment on the right bank ?
- (e) Whether the right bank has been surveyed from Matharguri ?
- (f) If not, why not ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the right bank cannot be surveyed as there are no jeepable roads upto Matharguri from the Beki bridge ?
- (h) Whether there have been petitions for survey of right bank of the river and the construction of an embankment ?
- (i) Whether high officials of Embankment and Drainage Department will survey the right bank from Matharguri downwards ?
- (j) If so, when ?
- (k) When the Embankment will be constructed on the right bank ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied:

66. (a)—No.

(b)—It was not so far considered necessary.

(c)—No. The embankment from Matharguri to Bansbari has only prevented the development of spill channels which emerged out of the river Beki in 1954 and flowed towards Pahumara and Palla rivers endangering the Railway line between Barpeta Road and Sorbhog. The flood conditions on the right bank have been slightly increased since 1954 mainly because the river Beki is gradually carrying more discharge from the river Manas. If the spill channels now blocked by construction of the Matharguri Bansbari embankment were allowed to develop the extra congestion in the right bank might have been slightly lower than what it is now but this might have resulted in all probability complete breakdown of railway communication in that area.

(d)—The matter has been referred to the Divisional Officer for investigation.

(e)—Preliminary investigation of the matter which involved reconnaissance survey of the area have been carried out recently.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—No.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—There is no proposal for further survey except the reconnaissance survey already carried out.

(j)—Does not arise.

(k)—The implementation of any scheme that may be determined after investigation will depend upon its priority and availability of funds.

Diversion of the Naljara and the Hakua rivers

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

67. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Hakua and Naljara rivers will be diverted to Manas river ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) Whether these rivers were seen by the Medical Minister in April ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that he had recommended the diversion of these two rivers ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that considerable damage has been caused to the people of Kharija Bijni Mauza for the erosions of these two rivers ?

(f) If so, how many areas of lands were eroded by these rivers in Kharija Bijni Mauza during the course of the last three years ?

(g) Whether Government consider the necessity of diverting these rivers to the Manas in the interest of the people ?

(h) If so, when these two rivers will be diverted ?

(i) Whether these two rivers have been surveyed by the officials of the Embankment and Drainage Department ?

(j) If so, who surveyed them and when ?

(k) Whether Government give serious consideration for the diversion of these two rivers ?

(l) What will be the approximate cost in diverting these two rivers ?

(m) Whether it is possible to close the Naljara river by giving a guide bund at Niz Dakna ?

(n) If so, whether such a bund will be constructed immediately ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

67. (a)—There is no proposal at present for diversion of these rivers.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—He recommended for examination of the proposal.

(e)—There has been some damage due to erosion by these two rivers.

(f)—Approximately 200 acres of lands have been eroded.

(g) & (h)—Preliminary investigations suggest blocking of the flow of these rivers which are spill channels coming out of Manas fall into Beki might be a probable remedy of the problem. The measures that will be necessary for mitigating hardship caused by these rivers will be known on completion of detailed investigations and surveys which can be undertaken only after the proposal is accepted for implementation on consideration of its relative priority and availability of funds for the same.

(i)—Yes, reconnaissance survey has been made.

(j)—The Executive Engineer, through his staff just before the beginning of the present monsoon.

(k)—The problems created by these two rivers will receive due consideration along with all other flood and erosion problems of the State on the basis of their priority and availability of funds.

(l)—This will be known only after completion of detailed investigation.

(m) & (n)—The feasibility of the proposal can be determined only after necessary investigation and survey are completed.

Export of loose Jute from Goalpara

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) asked:

68. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What is the quantity of loose jute that has been exported from the district of Goalpara to West Bengal in the year 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Government of Assam are losing jute taxes at 0.50 N.p. per maund on the export of loose jute from the State ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that many big jute industrialists in the subdivision of Dhubri are shifting their business to Cooch-Bihar District and the local jute industry is facing much depredation ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to verify the records of booking of jute from Cooch-Bihar and Dinahata in the district of Cooch-Bihar to Calcutta by the merchants of Dhubri during the last 5 years ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that merchants carry loose jute from Assam to Cooch-Bihar District wherefrom they export their jute after necessary bailing and thus they get a bargain of Re.1 per maund over that they would get in Assam ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN. ALI AHMED (Finance Minister) replied :

68. (a)—The quantity of loose jute exported from the district of Goalpara to West Bengal during the year 1956-57 was about 70,000 maunds. The figures for the year 1957-58 are not available yet.

(b)—No. Since no tax on the export of loose jute from the State can be realised under the existing provisions of the Assam Taxation (On goods carried by Roads or Inland Water-Ways) Act, Government are not suffering any loss.

(c)—It is not understood what is meant by "Big jute industrialist." If reference is to whole-sale dealers, the increase in revenue from carriage tax on jute in Dhubri subdivision during 1957-58 does not indicate that such dealers are shifting their business to Cooch-Bihar. Government have, however, asked for a report from the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara. If the hon. Member has any specific information Government will be obliged if this information is communicated to them.

(d)—It is not possible to verify the records of booking of jute from Cooch-Bihar and Dinhat to Calcutta without the permission of the railway authorities. Even if such permission is sought and given it will not be possible to find out the quantity of jute booked by the merchants of Dhubri from Cooch-Bihar and Dinhat as the addresses of the consignors are not recorded in the registers of the railway authorities.

(e)—Yes. Some merchants of Cooch-Bihar and border areas of Dhubri Subdivision carry loose jute from Assam to Cooch-Bihar and send the same to Calcutta by railway after necessary bailing as it is more convenient and cheaper for them to send jute by that route. It is perhaps not correct that the saving amounts to as much as one rupee per maund.

Allotment of rice and atta for Assam

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi)
asked :

69. Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) The present allotment of rice and atta from the Centre to this State ?

(b) What is the procedure of allotment of these food-grains to different districts of Assam ?

(c) Whether the foodgrains are actually reaching respective destinations ?

- (d) If so, whether reports on this behalf are being received from the inspecting staff to ensure fair distribution of the foodgrains in the State ?
- (e) If the reply to (c) above be in the negative whether Government propose to take necessary steps ?
- (f) Whether the checking staff is adequate for the purpose ?
- (g) If not, whether any help has been sought from the Central Government to ensure proper distribution of foodgrains in the State ?
- (h) If so, whether adequate help is forthcoming from the Centre ?
- (i) Whether the entire quota allotted is lifted regularly by the allottee of the State Government ?
- (j) If not, why ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

69. (a)—Rice 20,000 tons (approx.) from January 1958 to September 1958.

Wheat 3,000 tons per month. Atta is not directly allotted by the Centre.

(b)—Generally, rice is allotted on monthly basis subject to availability of stocks and also keeping in view the requirements of particular areas received from local officers.

Wheat is allotted to mills of different areas for supply of resultant atta at the *ex-mill* prices fixed.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—Yes.

(g) & (h)—Do not arise.

(i)—Yes ; except in few cases where allottees sometimes fail to lift their quotas due to circumstances beyond their control.

(j.)—Does not arise.

Saikhowaghat Co-operative Stores

Shrimati LILY SENGUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

70. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there was a Co-operative Stores at Saikhowaghat in 1950 subscribed by the public?

(b) If so, who was the president and the secretary of the above Co-operative Stores ?

(c) What is the present position of the Co-operative Stores' money ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the share holders lodged complaint against the secretary to the Assistant Political Officer and the Deputy Commissioner ?

(e) If so, what action has been taken ?

(f) If not, whether Government propose to make enquiry about it and take proper action against the culprits?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operative) replied :

70. (a)—Yes, but it is an unregistered society and the Department have no information about its organisation, business and management.

(b) & (c)—No information. The Society being unregistered one.

(d) to (f)—It is however learnt that at the instance of the Assistant Political Officers, Sadiya, the Secretary of the said institution was prosecuted for misappropriation of funds, tried and jailed.

Allotment of Steel for Assam

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

71. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) The quota of steel both defective and fresh allotted to this State during the last three years, year by year ?

(b) The amount of steel both defective and fresh lifted during the last 3 years, year by year, against these quotas ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

71. (a) & (b)—A statement showing the allotment and receipt of steel both defective and fresh during the last three years is as given below :—

Years of allotment		Name of the quota	Quantity allotted in ton	Quantity lifted in ton
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)
1955-56	...	Non-Agricultural ...	2,050	5,870
	...	Agricultural ...	4,945	
		Small Scale Industry ...	676	676
		Scrap and Defectives ...	1,294	1,294
1956-57	...	Non-Agricultural ...	2,500	420
	...	Agricultural ...	4,464	1,776
		Small Scale Industry ...	Nil	Nil
		Scrap and Defectives ...	1,040	1,040
1957-58	...	Non-Agricultural ...	2,930	7,111
	...	Agricultural ...	3,056	5,807
		Small Scale Industry ...	548	248
		Scrap and Defectives ...	650	450

Scarcity of C. I. Sheets in Assam

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

72. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is scarcity of C. I. Sheets in the State ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Central Government has reduced the annual quota of C. I. Sheets allotted to this State ?

(d) If so, why ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

72. (a)—Yes, as in other parts of India.

(b)—The quarterly allocations made to Assam by the Central Government are too inadequate to meet the demands. It may be stated that the annual indigenous production of steel in India is 1·3 million tons while the total demands exceed 4 million tons.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Owing to difficult foreign exchange position and consequent restrictions of imports as well as non-increase of indigenous production.

Cheap grain shops in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

73. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether cheap food grain shops have been established in the areas of the Barpeta Subdivision where crops have been destroyed by insects ?

- (b) If so, what are their names ?
- (c) Why Government has not started more cheap grain shops in spite of the representation by the people of Bornagar Circle ?
- (d) When these shops will be established ?
- (e) Whether the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta has toured the affected areas ?
- (f) If so, what are the names of the villages that he visited ?
- (g) Whether free distribution of foodstuffs will be made to those villages ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

73. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Raha, Baregoan, Sorbhog, Kamargoan, Udalguri, Barpeta Road, Howli, Bhabanipur, Banglipara, Tapa, Pathsala, Pattacharkuchi, Nityananda, Sundaridia, Patbaushi, Bhella, Tarabari, Bahari, Sarthebari, Mandia, Garartari.

(c)—No such representation has been received from the people of Bornagar Circle in general. Two new fair price shops have since been opened in this Circle in addition to six fair price shops already opened.

(d)—Five new shops have been opened in the Barpeta Subdivision during the current month in addition to existing ones.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Bhella, Nowgong, Changa, Bhabanipur, Howli, Sorbhog, Kamargaon, Bahari, Amrikhowa, Chunpora, Byakuchi, Kalbari, Tarabari, Patacharkuchi.

(g)—No.

Souderbhitha-Gobordhana Public Works Department Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

74. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Souderbhitha-Gobordhana Public Works Department road will be extended to Chukrungubari ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) What will be the distance of this extended portion of the road ?

(d) Whether this portion has been surveyed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

74. (a)—There is no such proposal at present.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—About 5·4 miles.

(d)—No.

Bridge over the Beki river

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR asked :

75. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is a bridge over the river Beki for the use of the public ?

(b) If not, why such a bridge has not yet been constructed ?

(c) Whether Government are aware of the need for a bridge over the river Beki for the interest of the State of Assam ?

- (d) What will be the cost of constructing this bridge ?
- (e) Whether it has been surveyed ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that a considerable trouble is caused to the people for not maintaining the Beki Public Works Department Ghat properly ?
- (g) Whether Government will provide for ferry service in crossing the Ghat every half an hour ?
- (h) Whether there are proper sheds for the public at the Ghat to wait for the marboats ?
- (i) How many labourers are working daily at the Ghat ?
- (j) Whether Government are convinced of the necessity of a bridge considering the hardship of the people ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)]
replied :

75. (a)—No. There is no such bridge.

(b)—The proposal for constructing a bridge across the River Beki is not included either under the Plan or under any other approved schemes. The proposal will, however, be placed before the Assam Road Communication Board when it meets next to consider any new Road or Bridge projects, and works will be taken up if the proposal is approved by the Board and funds are made available for the purpose.

(c)—Yes, the necessity of a bridge across such a major river on any important State Highway is always there.

(d)—This cannot be said without proper and detailed survey. Such surveys can only be done when the project, as a whole, is accepted by the Government for execution.

(e)—It has not been surveyed as stated above.

(f)—No such complaints have so far been received by the Government.

(g)—There is no proposal to fix such rigid timing for the trips. Trips are made according to the demand of the traffic and no delay is caused in crossing the traffic.

(h)—Yes, there is a temporary shed near the Ghat, where the travelling public can take rest and shelter.

(i)—The labour strength varies from 10 to 16 according to necessity.

(j)—Please refer to (c) above.

Sorbhog-Jaknapara Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

76. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware of the terrible condition of the Sorbhog-Jaknapara Road ?

(b) If so, why it has not been improved ?

(c) Whether Government proposed to complete further gravelling of this road before the rains of 1958 ?

(d) If so, why Government has not implemented the promise given at the last Budget Session of the Assam Assembly ?

(e) Whether the rains of 1958 have yet come ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

76. (a)—No. In fact, the condition of the road has been greatly improved after completion of further gravelling of the road surface.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Further gravelling has been completed before the rains of 1958.

(d)—Do not arise.

(e)—According to Assamese Almanac the rainy season ends with the month of Sravan and it is now Bhadra.

Bridges over the Beki, Bhalukdoba, Manas and the Aie Rivers

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

77. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether bridges will be constructed over the Beki, Bhalukdoba, Manas and the Aie Rivers ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) What will be the cost of constructing these bridges ?

(d) Whether Government are aware of the importance of these bridges ?

(e) Whether these rivers lie on the National Highway ?

(f) Whether the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department will be pleased to visit the spots to make a personal appreciation of the necessity of these bridges ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

77. (a) & (b)—Not at present, as these projects are not included in any of the approved schemes, either under the Plan or outside the Plan.

(c)—Does not arise, at present.

(d)—Yes, permanent bridges on an important highway are always necessary.

(e)—No, the rivers lie on the North Trunk Road, a State Highway.

(f)—The Minister has no objection to visit these areas.

Amount received from the Union Government for the improvement of "Other Backward Classes"

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)
asked :

78. Will the Minister, Tribal Areas be pleased to state—

(a) What amount has been received from the Union Government for the improvement of "Other Backward Classes" in 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

(b) What are the Schemes under which the amount was spent ?

(c) How much was spent for granting free studentships in Secondary stage and stipends for higher studies ?

(d) Whether Government propose to provide free education to the children of other Backward Classes upto Secondary stage ?

(e) Whether Government lately received any representation from other Backward Classes requesting them to provide free education to their children reading in High School?

(f) What is the number of scholarships in Primary, Middle and Matriculation Examinations for other Backward Classes?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied:

78. (a)—No amount has been received from the Union Government for the improvement of other Backward Classes in any of the year mentioned.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The matter will be considered on knowing from the Government of India as to the amount of financial assistance that may be available for schemes for other Backward Classes.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The number of scholarships given to the students belonging to other Backward Classes is as follows:—

(i) Fifty-four Primary Scholarships each with a value of Rs.5 per mensem.

(ii) Twenty-eight Middle English Scholarships each with a value of Rs.7 per mensem.

(iii) Ten Middle Vernacular Scholarships each with a value of Rs.6 per mensem.

(iv) Fourteen third grade junior scholarships on the result of the Matric Examination each with a value of Rs.10 per mensem.

The above scholarships are given in addition to the scholarships which students belonging to other Backward Classes may secure on merit.

Quantity of Atta sold in auction at Dibrugarh Railway Station

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

79. Will the Minister of Supply be please to state—

(a) What quantity of atta was sold in auction at Dibrugarh Railway Station in 1957-58?

(b) Who were those purchasers?

(c) Where the quantity thus auctioned was sold?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied:

79. (a)—Eighty-nine maunds damaged atta sold in auction at Dibrugarh Railway Station in 1957-58.

(b)—Messrs. Mahabir Agarwalla of Dibrugarh.

(c)—Not known.

Hill Allowance for Government Employees in United Khasi-Jaintia Hills

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked:

80. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any Hill Allowance has been granted to the State Government employees in the Hill Districts of the State ?

(b) If so, what are those districts and the date from which the Hill Allowance was given effect to ?

(c) What is the rate of such allowance ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the State Government employees serving in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills have been deprived of such benefit ?

(e) If so, what are the reasons for such differential treatment amongst the Government employees of the Hill Districts ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the case of the employees of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills were also taken up along with employees of other hill districts and that their cases have been set aside without assigning any reasons thereof ?

(g) Whether Government are aware that the cost of living in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills is much higher than that of other hill districts of the State ?

(h) If so, whether Government propose to extend the benefit of Hill Allowance to the employees serving in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills also with immediate effect ?

(i) If not, why not ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas Department) replied:

80. (a)—Yes, except in United Khasi-Jaintia Hills.

(b)—Garo Hills, United Mikir and North Cachar Hills, Mizo District and also Naga Hills, the administration of which has since been taken over by the Central Government. The allowance was sanctioned for five years with effect from 1st March 1955 and will be reviewed at the end of this period.

(c)—In the case of gazetted staff the rate has been fixed on the basis of pay and status of individual officers and in the case of non-gazetted staff 20 per cent of pay, if the pay is Rs.100 per mensem or less and 15 per cent of pay if the pay is above Rs.100 per mensem. A complete list of the rates of the allowance admissible to different grades of officers is placed on the Library Table. (Please see Library Register No.67).

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The Hill Allowance was sanctioned on the ground of high cost of living and remoteness of localities. Compared to other Autonomous Districts, the living conditions in United Khasi-Jaintia Hills were then considered to be more favourable and did not satisfy the conditions on which the allowance was sanctioned in respect of the other Autonomous Districts.

(f)—Yes, the case of the employees of United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District was taken up, but was not accepted for reasons explained in reply to (e) above.

(g)—The comparative study of available statistics show that as conditions prevail at present, the cost of living index in United Khasi-Jaintia Hills is in no way more favourable than that obtaining in other hill districts where the concession is admissible at present.

(h)—The Government will consider the question in all its aspects and implication.

(i)—Does not arise.

Local Board Market near the Mahisasan Railway Station

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked:

Will the Minister of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

81. (a) Whether Karimganj Local Board is constructing from grants under the Second Five Year Plan a Local Board Market near the Mahisasan Railway Station ?

(b) If so, how far it is from Pakistan Border ?

(c) Whether Government has received representation from a good number of people of the area against starting this Local Board Market when there is already an old market nearby ?

(d) If so, will Government be pleased to lay a copy of the representation on the table ?

(e) What amount has so far been spent on the market for levelling the site by earth cutting of hillocks ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that the market is situated on Railway land ?

(g) If so, whether the Local Board got legal conveyance of the land from the Railway ?

(h) Why the money was spent on this new market instead of spending for the nearby old one ?

(i) Whether Government are aware of the public feeling that the new market will create greater opportunity for smuggling to Pakistan than the old one ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied:

81. (a)—Yes. But out of Government loan a market is to be established at Mahisasan.

(b)—Reports have been called from the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—A copy is placed on Library Table.

[Statement laid on the Library Table in reply to Unstarred Question No.81(d)]

Copy of Representation dated 14th July, 1958, from Shri Girija Mohan Das, Member Latu-Maijgaon Mahisashan Rural Panchayat and others to the Chief Minister, Assam, Shillong.

Subject—Local Board Market at Mohisashan, District Cachar.

We have the honour to lay before you the following few facts for your immediate kind intervention and necessary action for the interest of the people of the locality and to save the public Exchequer.

1. That a market was established by the people of the locality about a decade ago at the northern side of the Mohisashan Railway Station.

2. That the said market was established at the instance of the people of the villages named Nayagram, Bara punji, Dewatali, Kuharbhag, Mantali, Maijsashan, Tesuya, Bedrang, Surigram, Pa-thu, etc., and aforeside villagers purchase and sell their daily necessities since its set up.

3. That the above mentioned market sits twice a week on Sunday and Wednesday.

4. That very recently the authority of the Karimganj Local Board spent a huge amount for construction and establishment of another market at Mohisashan on the southern side of the Mohisashan Railway Station, The place is very near to the Pak border and the distance from the border will be a few hundred cubits only. As the place falls in jungle side, it is very lonely and there is no population near-by. The site is very advantageous for smuggling and black marketing purpose. The shop keepers will have to come to this newly established Local Board market after passing Passport check Post, Railway Station, Custom Officer. So it would be very easy to smuggle articles from there to Pakistan. There will be no body to object in committing anti-social sin like smuggling and black marketing.

5. That the land where the new market has been established by Shri Nani Gopal Swami, Chairman of Karimganj Local Board, is the land of Railway authority which had been acquired from the public.

6. That we could not understand how Shri Nani Gopal Swami could spend a huge amount from public Exchequer in the name of the market, though the land is owned by the Railway authority. The Station Master and other staff of the Railway should have reported the matter to their authority for illegal encroachment of Railway land by the Chairman of Karimganj Local Board.

7. That the amount spent by the Local Board, Karimganj, for its establishment is mere waste of money as the people are never interested to go the new market as their age old market is most suitable and most conveniently placed and there is no trouble for them to do their marketing there.

In the circumstances stated above we fervently request you to please hold a thorough local enquiry over the whole affairs for the Local Board market at Mohisashan and to stop further construction and other works of Karimganj Local Board in the name of Mohisashan market to save the public interest.

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(e)—Rs.3,880 (upto 31st March 1958).

(f) to (i)—Reports have been called from the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar.

Payment of a sum of Rs.300 to a Local Board Contractor by the Chairman, Karimganj Local Board through mistake

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked:

82. (a) Whether the Chairman, Karimganj Local Board in 1957-58 admitted in a letter to a Local Board Contractor Shri Aswini Kumar Nath, that a sum of Rs.300 was paid to the latter through mistake and requested him to refund the same ?

(b) Whether the said amount was recovered from the said Contractor ?

(c) If not, how the money is to be received ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied:

82. (a) to (c)—Reports have been called from the Local Board.

Late U Tirot Singh, the Great National Hero

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHAYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

83. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government will be pleased to collect the belongings of Late U Tirot Singh, the Great National Hero and preserve the same in the State Museum ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that there are some wooden pillars which still remain at the site where the house of U Tirot Singh was situated and which are being spoiled due to their exposure of rain and sun ?

(c) Whether Government propose to protect the same by erecting a shed over these pillars ?

(d) Whether Government also proposed to publish an authentic life history of U Tirot Singh ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

83. (a)—Government have no information for collection of the belongings of Late U Tirot Singh.

(b)—No information.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—At present there is no proposal for publication of an authentic life history of Late U Tirot Singh.

Gobardhana National Extension Service Block, Kamrup

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

84. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether a Health Centre has been opened at the Gobardhana Chowk by the Gobardhana National Extension Service Block, Kamrup ?

(b) If so, when it was started ?

(c) How much money has been placed for this Health Centre ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the doctor and the nurse generally do not attend the Centre causing much inconvenience to the public ?

85. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether a dispensary was started at Gobardhana Chowk by the Gobardhana N.E.S. Block ?

(b) When was it started ?

(c) How much money has been provided for this dispensary ?

(d) Whether a doctor and a nurse have been provided there ?

(e) How many days in a week do they have to attend the dispensary ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the doctor and the nurse mostly remain absent from their duties ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that hundred of patients are to return for not finding the dispensary open ?

(h) What is the distance of the nearest dispensary from the Gobardhana Chowk ?

(i) Whether Government proposes to maintain the dispensary properly ?

(j) Whether more money will be provided in future for this dispensary ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied:

84. (a)—No Health Centre has been opened by Gobardhana N.E.S. Block at Gobardhana Chowk.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

85. (a)—No dispensary was started at Gobardhana Chowk by Gobardhana N.E.S. Block.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—The nearest dispensary from the Gobardhana Chowk is Barpeta Road State Dispensary which is situated at a distance of 6 miles (south).

(i)—Does not arise.

(j)—Does not arise.

Gramdan Movement

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

86. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of the Gramdan Movement now spreading throughout the State ?

(b) Whether Government intends to help this Movement in order to gear up rural reconstruction through community development programme ?

(c) Whether Government are aware of the feeling on certain quarters that the correct process of land reform depends mainly on this Movement ?

(d) Whether Government propose to enact a law which will help this Movement ?

(e) If so, when Government propose to bring forward with such legislation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

86. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—A section of the people think like that.

(d)—If found necessary Government will do it.

(e)—No time can be indicated.

Payment of salaries to officials of the Sericulture Department according to the new pay scale

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

87. Will the Minister-in-charge of Sericulture and Weaving be pleased to state—

(a) Whether all the officials of the Sericulture Department are paid their salaries according to the new pay scale ?

(b) If not, why not ?

(c) Whether there was publicity in Assam Press about such grievances ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Sericulture Demonstrators are not properly treated in the offices ?

(e) Whether necessary equipments for the purpose of improving sericultural activities are supplied to the Sericulture Demonstrators ?

(f) If not, whether they will be supplied with equipments immediately ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that one Shri Kalita, Sericulture Demonstrator, Pathsola has not been paid his salaries and contingency charges for many months since 1956 ?

(h) Whether he submitted any representation to Government about this?

(i) What action has been taken by the Government to remove these grievances?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Sericulture and Weaving) replied:

87. (a)—Yes. Almost all the officials of the Department have been allowed to draw pay, in the revised scales of pay, 1956, except a few cases whose pay statements are under scrutiny.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Department have no information.

(d)—No.

(e)—Yes. The Sericultural Demonstrators are generally supplied with necessary equipments for improvement of the Sericultural activities as far as practicable according to the demand of different Demonstration circles as fund permits.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—The Department has no information of non-receipt of pay by the Sericultural Demonstrator since 1956. A report has been called for from the Superintendent who is the controlling officer. His pay for the months of December, 1957 and January 1958 only has been with-held, as he was on unauthorised absence from duty in contravention of the orders of his superior officer. The matter is still under investigation. The delay in regularisation of the matter is due to correspondence required to be made with the Sericultural Demonstrator himself, Sericultural Inspector, Development Officer and Superintendent of Sericulture.

(h)—A representation was submitted by him for his pay for the above two months. No mention for non-receipt of pay or any other dues since the year 1956, was made in the representation.

(i) The matter is under correspondence with the Superintendent of Sericulture, Assam, Gauhati.

**Amount given to Barpeta Mauza Co-operative Store for
electrification of Barpeta Town.**

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

88. Will the Minister-in-charge of Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount given to the Barpeta Mauza Co-operative Store for management and electrification of Barpeta town ?

(b) Whether the amount was given as loan or grants-in-aid ?

(c) Whether it is running at a profit or loss (information to be given year by year from the date of taking Government grant or loan) ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity) replied :

88. (a)—Rs. 1,60,000.

(b)—The amount was given as loan.

(c)—The Society has been working at a loss since 1954-55 as there is not sufficient consumption of electrical energy in the town at present. Losses incurred since taking the loan are as under.

Rs.6,744-9-7	...	...	...	...	...	1954-55.
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Rs.30,556-7-0	...	...	...	...	...	1955-56.
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Rs.24,312.84 Np.	1st July 1956 upto 24th March 1958.
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The loss is comparable to similar losses in departmental electrification schemes.

Bus Service between Chabua and Tengakhat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):

89. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the bus service between Chabua and Tengakhat has been stopped since the last five or six months ?

(b) If so, why this bus service has been suspended or stopped ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that a bus service is of great necessity between Chabua and Tengakhat ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that this Tengakhat-Chabua road is a feeder road of the Railway Station at Chabua ?

(e) Whether Government propose to re-introduce the bus service there again ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

89. (a) & (b).—Yes. There is only one permit on the route. The only vehicle against the permit is undergoing major repair. A second permit has however been granted operative from 1st September 1958.

(c).—The second bus when place will meet the needs of the travelling public.

(d).—This is not the only road leading to the Chabua Railway Station. The public can avail services of other routes as well.

(e).—Does not arise in view of reply to question (a) & (b).

Sluice gates in the western bund of the Dekhow river

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

90. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have lately received petitions from the Public of Joktali Manza, Sibsagar Subdivision, for two small sluice gates in the Western bund of Dekhow River in between 5/6 and 6/7 miles, with a view to providing silt water to the neighbouring paddy fields?

(b) Whether Government propose to consider the demand of the local people?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge of Flood Control, etc.) replied:

90. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes. This will be considered along with such cases on the basis of priority and availability of funds.

Loss of "Ahu" due to drought, insects, etc.

KUMAR PRAKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) asked:

91. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that due to drought, insects, etc., there was an extensive loss of "Ahu"?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied:

91.—Yes, to a certain extent.

Conversion of Dekhowmukh Public Health Dispensary into a Primary Health Unit

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH asked:

92. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Dekhowmukh Public Health Dispensary has got no water connection, no fencing in the compound and it often remains under rain water as the level of the compound is low?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to improve the above condition of the dispensary ?

(c) Whether Government propose to convert this dispensary into a Primary Health Unit ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

92. (a)—An enquiry is being made.

(b)—Yes, if necessary.

(c)—No.

Conversion of Jhanji Hospital of Sibsagar District to a State Hospital

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

93. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government propose to convert the Jhanji Hospital of Sibsagar District to a State Hospital ?

(b) Whether Government have received public petition to this effect ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

93. (a)—The question of taking over of all Local Board Dispensaries including Jhanji is under active consideration of Government.

(b)—No information.

Barium supplied to X'Ray Plant Barpeta Chest Clinic

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

94. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many pounds of Barium has been supplied up till now to X'Ray Plant Barpeta chest Clinic since the very inception of the X'Ray Plant ?

- (b) How many Barium-meal cases are done daily on an average in the present X'Ray Plant (X'Ray machine) ?
- (c) Whether the X'Ray machine is working properly as regard Barium-meal is concerned ?
- (d) Whether the Chest-Stand of the machine has been supplied by now ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the present X'Ray machine is of low capacity ?
- (f) If so, whether Government will consider to replace it by a new one with higher capacity ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

94. (a)—No Barium has been supplied.

(b)—None.

(c)—Not yet tested.

(d)—It is being supplied shortly.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Steps have been taken.

**Damage done by Earth-quake to pucca well provided by
Dibrugarh Local Board in Chengeli Gaon
in Saikhowa Mauza**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

95. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the pucca well provided by Dibrugarh Local Board in Chengeli Gaon in Saikhowa Mauza was damaged in Great Earth-quake of 1950 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this well has not been repaired and the water became injurious to health ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this village is inhabited by Plains Tribal Community and they have been suffering for good drinking water ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Local Board Sub-divisional Development Board, Saikhowa Rural Panchayat and other agencies operating there, have not given their attention to this cause of the village ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied:

95. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Number of students admitted to the Assam Medical College

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA asked :

96. Will the Minister for Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many students have been admitted to the Assam Medical College this year ?

(b) From among the candidates seeking admission how many were deprived admittance due to their Displaced Persons status ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

96. (a)—One hundred.

(b)—Of the 17 such candidates, 4 have been admitted and 2 are in the waiting list.

Establishment of a Medical College in Cachar District

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINGHA (Sonai) asked :

97. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for establishing a Medical College in Cachar District ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

97.—No.

Union of workers of the Dibrugarh Municipal Board

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

98. Will the Minister in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any Union of Workers of Dibrugarh Municipal Board ?

(b) If so, what is the name of the office bearers ?

(c) What is the registered number of the said Union ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the said Union has been doing welfare work amongst the workers and Harijans in particular ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the said Union applied to the Government for constructing Harijan Hostel and Harijan Mandir at Dibrugarh ?

(f) If so, what action has been taken ?

(g) If the reply is in the negative whether Government propose to inquire the matter from the Dibrugarh Municipal Board ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

98. (a) to (g)—Information has been called from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Erosion by Brahmaputra river in Dekhowmukh area

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

99. Will the Minister (Public Works Department), Flood Control, be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that Brahmaputra river erosion is affecting badly some of the villages in Dekhowmukh area ?
- (b) Whether Government have later received petitions from the erosion affected people, that they should be settled somewhere in Deroi and Panidihing Reserves of Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (c) Whether Government will consider this and settle them at an early date ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) Public Works Department] replied:

99. (a) }
 (b) } —Information is being collected.
 (c) }

Erosion of Kalang in Nowgong District

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH asked:

100. Will the Minister for Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that erosion of Kalang is affecting Kaliabor Police Station and Veterinary Hospital of Kaliabor in Nowgong District ?
- (b) Whether Government will adopt immediate measures for protection of these areas ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, Public Works Department) replied:

100. (a)—Yes, but the erosion is not serious.

(b)—There is no provision for this work in the Second Five Year Plan.

**The number of persons who offered “Satyagraha”
in the Oil Refinery Movement**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

101. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of persons who offered “Satyagraha” in connection with the Oil Refinery Movement in Assam in 1957 ?

(b) What is the number of such “Satyagrahis” according to Subdivisionwise ?

(c) What is the number of such “Satyagrahis” according to Mauzawise in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that most of the “Satyagrahis” in Dibrugarh Subdivision have no affiliation to any political party ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

101. (a) & (b)—A statement is laid on the table.

(c)—Mauza-wise break-up is not available.

(d)—No, it is not a fact. Political party affiliation of the Satyagrahis is given in the statement placed on the table.

[STATEMENT LAID ON THE LIBRARY TABLE IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 101 (a)(b) AND (d)]

A statement containing reply in respect of the questions (a), (b), and (d)

District	(1)	(2)	(3)	No. of "Satyagrahis"	No. of C.P.I., Satyagrahis	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
							R. G. P. I.	P. S. P.	S. P. I.
Darrang	..	..	..	..	41	Tezpur Mangaldai	..	..	..
Kamrup	..	..	..	..	102	Gauhati	..	..	..
Sibsagar	..	..	..	..	193	Sibsagar Jorhat Golaghat	..	..	..
Khasi and Jaintia Hills	..	..	..	..	15	Shillong	..	..	..
Nowgong	..	..	..	..	30	Nowgong Dibrugarh	..	..	..
Lakhimpur	..	..	..	..	628	North Lakhimpur	..	..	..
					585		43	Nil	Nil
					43		279	42	96
					168		..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	1,009	..	..	..	..

Relief of flood and earthquake affected people of Kakoyal and Padumani village in Bordoloni Mauza

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked :

102. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the application for relief of 22 families of flood and earthquake affected people of Kakoyal and Padumani village in Bordoloni Mouza in the year 1953 ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that these people were seriously affected in the great earthquake and subsequent floods and is still in a very precarious condition ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur assured them to give settlement of some lands in the locality, but till now no land was provided to them ?
- (d) Whether Government will enquire into the matter immediately and arrange for rehabilitation of these wretched families ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

102. (a) & (b)—Yes, on enquiry those who were found deserving were rehabilitated at Hurmutti Tea Garden's requisitioned land in Laluk Mauza with necessary rehabilitation assistance.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d) At present there is no such pending case.

The Governing Body of the Medical College

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

103. Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Medical Department be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total number of members of the Governing Body of the Medical College and amongst them what is the number of officials and non-officials ?

- (b) Whether the Chairman of this Body is Official or non-Official ?
- (c) Who are the members of that body and what are their addresse ?
- (d) On what basis the members of this Board were selected ?
- (e) What is the number of members from Tribal and who are they ?
- (f) What is the number of members from Scheduled Castes and who are they ?
- (g) What is the number of members from the Muslim Community and who are they ?
- (h) What is the number of members from Caste Hindus and who are they ?
- (i) What is the number of members from labour representatives and who are they ?
- (j) Whether any member from most backward Community has been taken in this Board ?
- (k) If not, why not ?
- (l) Whether Government propose to refer the Board by taking members from most backward Community ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

103. (a)—Ten. Of whom, 2 are officials and rest non-officials.

(b)—Non-Official.

(c)—1. Shri Murleidhar Jalan, Dibrugarh.

2. Dr. B. N. Banerjee, Principal, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.

3. Dr. S. N. Sarma, Professor, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.

4. Dr. J. K. Saikia, retired Director of Health Services, Jorhat.
5. Dr. Ghanashyam Das, Member, Legislative Assembly, (*Ex-Deputy Minister*), Gauhati.
6. Dr. Apurba Chandra Dutta, M. B., Silchar.
7. Haji Jalaluddin Ahmed, Dibrugarh.
8. Shri Ramesh Chandra Barua, *Ex-Member*, Legislative Assembly, Dibrugarh.
9. Mrs. Padma Kumari Gohain, Member, Legislative Assembly, Dibrugarh.
10. Shri Manik Chandra Das, Member, Legislative Assembly, Dibrugarh.

(d)—The Governing Body is constituted in accordance with the Rule 3(1) of the Prospectus of the Assam Medical College. The principle followed is that the Governing Body should have large proportion of members of the Medical profession.

(e)—Nil.

(f)—One—Dr. G. Das, Member, Legislative Assembly.

(g)—One—Al-Haj Jalaluddin Ahmed.

(h)—Eight—*Ex-officio*—two (Dr. B. N. Banerjee and Dr. S. N. Sarma) Non-officials—6 (Dr. J. K. Saikia, Dr. Apurba Chandra Dutta, Shri Ramesh Chandra Barua, *Ex-Member*, Legislative Assembly, Mrs. Padma Kumari Gohain, Member, Legislative Assembly, Shri Manik Chandra Das, Member, Legislative Assembly and Shri Murleidhar Jalan).

(i)—Nil.

(j)—No.

(k)—The members of the Governing Body are not appointed Community wise.

(l)—No.

Mustard Oil in the State

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

104. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether Government is aware that pure Mustard Oil is not available in Assam ?
 - (b) What step has been taken for supply of pure Mustard Oil in the State ?
 - (c) Whether Government has taken any step for stocking Mustard Seed as that of Paddy ?
 - (d) Whether Government has taken any scheme for introduction of sufficient Ghani in Assam ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied:

104. (a)—It is not a fact. Of course there may be stray cases of adulteration which are dealt with under the Assam Pure Food Act.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes. The State Khadi and Village Industries Board has taken up the Ghani Scheme since 1955-56. The State Board received loans and grants from the State Government as well as the Khadi Commission, to implement the Scheme.

Tamarhat-Dingdinga Irrigation Scheme

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked:

105. Will the Minister-in-charge of Flood Control be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Tamarhat-Dingdinga Irrigation Scheme from the Harafuta river has been materialised or not ?
- (b) If not, why not ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to give topmost priority to complete the said Irrigation Scheme this year ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied:

105. (a)—The Scheme is under execution,
(b)—Does not arise,
(c)—Yes,

Refusal to grant Bazar Bus Permit to one Fatick Chandra Bora

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)
asked :

106. Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) The reasons or grounds of refusal to grant a contract carriage (Bazar Bus) permit by order No. MV.1018-1202/STA., Shillong the 10th February 1958 to Fatick Chandra Bora, Village Chatial, P. O. Kowarifal, Nowgong District?
- (b) Whether there is any proof that he is not more deserving than the parties to whom the permits were given?
- (c) Whether Government will consider his prayer for any other permit?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

106.(a)—Sri Fatick Ch. Bora failed to adduce any special claim for the permit nor proof that he is more deserving than the parties to whom the permits were allotted.

(b)—The Authority did not find him deserving.

(c)—There is no bar in his applying for a permit, if and when advertised and the Regional Transport Authority being a *quasi-judicial* body will surely consider his application on its merit.

Number of Deputy Co-operative Officers and Assistant Co-operative Officers resigned since 1957-58

Shri INDRESWAR KHAUND (Bogdung) asked :

107. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Deputy Co-operative Officers and Assistant Co-operative Officers have resigned during the year 1957-58, up-to date?

(b) What are the reasons of their resignations?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister-in-charge of Co-operation) replied :

107.(a)—Deputy Co-operative Officer	...	...	5
Assistant Co-operative Officer	...	...	49

(b)—The reasons for resignation amongst other are the following—

- (1) Comparatively lower pay scales in the Co-operative Department.
- (2) Vacancy in other departments carrying better scales of pay.
- (3) Difficult nature of duties.

Barpeta Hospital

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

108. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government propose to increase the number of beds in the Barpeta Hospital on account of the increase in number of patients ?
- (b) Whether any arrangement has been made for keeping arrangement for the emergency and accident cases, like Emergency Ward or Observation Ward ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that private buses or lorries are kept inside the Hospital Compound in front of the quarters of the Assistant Surgeon I Junior ?
- (d) If so, whether any permission has been obtained either from the Barpeta Hospital Authority or from Government to keep private buses or lorry within the Hospital Compound ?
- (e) If so, what is the rent per month per bus or lorry ?

(f) Who is the owner of those buses or lorries and what is his name ?

(g) Whether Government is aware that up till now no electrification of the Hospital has been done ?

(h) If so, why ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

108.(a)—Under the Second Five Year Plan the bed strength of the hospital will be increased by 10 General beds and 5 T.B. beds from 34, which includes six for maternity cases.

(b)—All Hospitals have arrangements to deal with emergency and accident cases and a sum of Rs.1,47,100 had been sanctioned for construction among others the following :—

(i) General Ward.

(ii) Paying ward.

(iii) Isolation ward.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d), (e) & (f)—Do not arise.

(g) & (h)—Necessary sanction had been issued Public Works Department have taken necessary steps for the installation.

Number of Handloom Weavers' Co-operatives and number of Deputy Co-operative Officers

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINGHA (Sonai) asked :

109. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operatives be pleased to state—

(a) The number of handloom-weavers Co-operatives in the State. (Figure should be shown district-wise) ?

- (b) The number of Deputy Co-operative Officers and Assistant Co-operative Officers at present employed in the State ?
- (c) The names of such officers appointed or promoted in 1957 and 1958 ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there is a large number of vacancies for such posts even now ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister-in-charge of Co-operation) replied :

109.(a)—	1. Shillong	...	...	5
	2. Gauhati	..	...	202
	3. Goalpara	...	...	58
	4. Tura	...	...	26
	5. Tezpur	...	...	160
	6. Jorhat	...	...	107
	7. Nowgong	...	...	106
	8. Dibrugarh	...	...	46
	9. Diphu	...	..	15
	10. Silchar	...	..	148
	11. Aijal	..	...	3

(b)—The number at present employed is as under :—

(i) Deputy Co-operative Officers—153.

(ii) Assistant Co-operative Officers—232.

(c)—Information placed on the Library Table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 68).

(d)—Yes, in the cadre of Assistant Co-operative Officers.

Moderkhat Gaolia Bank

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked :

110. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Societies be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the request lately made for a loan of Rs.40,000 to Moderkhat-Gaolia Bank was not entertained ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that this Bank is in possession of property valued at about Rs.80,000 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that an amount of about Rs.4,000 is outstanding against the cultivators and the officials of Co-operative Department suggested to the Bank to recover the amount from them (*i. e.*, cultivators) by instituting cases and by selling their land ?
- (d) What are the difficulties in not sanctioning a loan to this Bank ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister-in-charge of Co-operative) replied:

110. (a)—The Society applied (but not in prescribed form) for a total loan of Rs.40,000 as detailed below:—

(i) Short-term—Rs.7,000 (ii) Special Medium-term—Rs.13,000 and Long-term—Rs.20,000=Rs.40,000. The applications were submitted to the Extension Officer who returned the applications for re-submission in prescribed form to the Project Officer Tengakhat on 15th March 1956. The Extension Officer, Tengakhat, again returned the application, for some defects on 28th January 1958. The society was issued loan of Rs.2,000 and Rs.3,000 from Dibrugarh Central Bank and Project Tengakhat respectively, in the year 1953 and 1955. The Society is still a defaulter to the Central Bank and the Project Tengakhat for Rs.1,000 and Rs.3,000 respectively and that is why the Society cannot be sanctioned fresh loans.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes, it is a fact that an amount of about Rs.4,000 against the members of the Society is overdue and as the members are not paying of their own accord as per terms and conditions, the officials of the Co-operative Department had no other alternative but to make the recovery of the overdues from the defaulting members through legal procedure.

(d)—Difficulties have been mentioned at the last part of the answer to question No.(a) above.

Embankment and Drainage Projects for Hailakandi Subdivision during First and Second Five Year Plans

Shri GAURISHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked :

111. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) The names of the Projects under Embankment and Drainage proposed in Hailakandi Subdivision during the First and the Second Five Year Plans ?

(b) The names of the Projects which have been approved or executed so far by Government ?

(c) The names of the Projects disapproved by Government with reasons of disapproval ?

(d) Whether Government propose to review and re-examine the disapproved projects, if any ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control) replied:

111. (a)—The following projects under Embankment and Drainage were proposed in Hailakandi Subdivision during the First and Second Five Year Plans.

(1) Improvement of Dhaleswari Channel in Hailakandi Subdivision—Phase I.

(2) Improvement of Dhaleswari Channel in Hailakandi Subdivision—Phase II. (Regarding Pola river).

(3) Rivival of Jitanadi and drainage of Ashihali, Subal and Kachkuri Beel.

(4) Dykes from Dhalai to Matiguri on both banks of the Katakhal.

(5) Major-Drainage Scheme or Flood Escape Channel from Mahamadpur to Katakhal.

(c)—Projects Nos.1 to 3 above have been approved and have been executed so far.

(c)—Projects Nos.4 and 5 above were included in the original Flood Control Programme of the State Second Five Year Plan. But due to further pruning down of the Programme by Government of India, these projects had to be dropped from the revised programme as finally approved.

(d)—Does not arise.

Number of large-sized Co-operatives and Godowns in each Subdivision

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Bogdung) asked:

112. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) The number of larger-sized Co-operatives in each Subdivision ?

(b) The number of godowns allotted to each Subdivision ?

(c) The basis of such allotment ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister-in-charge of Co-operative) replied :

112. (a) & (b)—

				Godowns for		
				Larger sized Societies	Larger sized Societies	Marketing Societies
1. Dibrugarh	...	...	12	4	3	
2. Jorhat ..	..	...	10	3	3	
3. Golaghat	...	...	11	4	2	
4. North Lakhimpur	...	..	8	3	2	
5. Nowgong	...	...	25	8	3	
6. Gauhati ..	...	...	23	8	5	
7. Barpeta...	...	...	12	4	3	
8. Tezpur ...	...	...	18	6	3	
9. Mangaldai	...	...	11	4	3	
10. Dhubri ...	...	...	12	4	1	
11. Goalpara ...	...	...	9	3	3	
12. Kokrajhar	...	...	5	2	1	
13. Silchar ...	...	...	15	5	3	
14. Hailakandi	...	...	8	3	1	
15. Karimganj	...	...	8	3	1	
16. Tura ...	...	...	...	...	2	
17. Diphu ...	...	...	..	...	...	
18. Shillong ...	...	...	...	...	1	
19. Jowai ...	...	...	...	...	...	

(c)—Godowns have been allotted to societies which are working satisfactorily and which have got land.

Requisition cases instituted todate in Dibrugarh Sub-division since 1952

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)

asked :

113. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state the total number of requisition cases instituted todate, year by year since 1952 in Dibrugarh Subdivision, showing the Mouzas separately and the area of land involved against each case ?

(b) The total number of allottees to whom possession has been given or allotment proposed ?

(c) The total number of requisition cases which have reached the final stage or which have been finally disposed of, *i. e.*, the area of lands that have been acquired and regular pattas issued to the allottees ? (The information is required year by year and Mouza by Mauza since 1952).

(d) The total number of cases pending, giving the date of requisition of land against each ?

(e) How long a case normally takes for its final disposal ?

(f) In how many cases requisition has been affected ?

(g) Whether pattas have been issued to the allottees in the cases mentioned in (b) above ?

(h) If not, how long it will take to grant pattas to the allottees ?

(i) Whether Government are aware that delay in disposal of requisition and acquisition cases causes serious inconvenience to the allottees and that Government also sustain loss on such delay ?

(j) Whether Government propose to dispose of the requisition and acquisition cases promptly ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

113. (a) to (j)—Information have been called for from Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

**Requisition of a portion of Wilton Grant No. 22/157 in
Tengakhat Mauza**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

114. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a portion of Wilton Grant No. 22/157 in Tengakhat Mauza was requisitioned for the purpose of flood affected and landless people ?
- (b) If so, when and what was the area of land requisitioned ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that compensations for four years from the year 1952-53 to 1955-56 have been realised from a number of persons for lands allotted to them in this grant by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that no possession of land has been given to a number of persons although compensation was realised ?
- (e) Whether Government proposed to lay on the table a list of persons from whom compensation was realised but no possession of land has been given ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that these persons have been suffering from immense difficulties for delay in giving possession of lands ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

114. (a) to (f)—Information have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Patta for Nagakhalia Boa Kata Samabai Samity Land

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

115. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that no patta has yet been issued to the Nagakhalia Boa Kata Samabai Samity Ltd., Dibrugarh for the land acquired for them long ago ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this Samity applied for a periodic patta, *vide* their letter No.G.48/BKS., dated 23rd September 1953 to the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh, through the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies, Dibrugarh who forwarded and recommended the application ?

(c) What are the difficulties in granting a patta to this Samity for the land acquired for them ?

(d) How the land revenue and local rates are realised for these lands since the date of acquisition without a patta ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

115. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Information has been called for.

(c)—The terms of allotment were violated by the Samity. The land was not utilised for the purpose for which it was allotted.

(d)—Information has been called for.

Examine of accounts of one Mouzadar of North Lakhimpur

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur)
asked :

116. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the accounts of a certain Mouzadar of North Lakhimpur were examined through auditors recently in connection with a case of revenue remissions ?
- (b) Whether any discrepancy in accounts was detected and if so, what was the amount involved, how and when it occurred, what is the report of the Auditor ?
- (c) Whether the discrepancy is continuing from several years and if so, how it happened and why the Revenue Officers responsible for it could not detect it so long ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

116. (a) to (c)—Information have been called for.

Number of buses plying in certain routes

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

117. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of buses plying in the following route ?

- (1) Dibrugarh to Jorhat ;
- (2) Dibrugarh to Sibsagar ;
- (3) Dibrugarh to Moran ;
- (4) Dibrugarh to Khowang ;
- (5) Dibrugarh to Chabua ;
- (6) Dibrugarh to Tinukia ;

(7) Dibrugarh to Doom Dooma and

(8) Dibrugarh to Dholia ;

(b) The number of new and old buses plying in the above lines ?

(c) The number of petrol and diesel buses ?

(d) The year and the month when these buses were placed ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that there are leakages in most of the buses plying in the above route ?

118. Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) The number of buses plying from Dibrugarh to Bordhobi ?

(b) Whether Government has received any memorandum from the public to increase the existing number of buses there ?

(c) If so, what action has been taken by the Government ?

(d) In view of the inconveniences experienced by the public whether Government will be pleased to open a line from Lahoal to Bordhobi *via* Tengakhat ?

119. Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any proposal to open a line from Tinsukia to Lekhapani ?

(b) If so, when it can be expected ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

117. (a) The number of buses plying in the following routes are—

(1) Dibrugarh-Jorhat and *vice versa*— 2 buses.
Performing 2 up and 2 down services daily—4 services in all.

- (2) Dibrugarh-Sibsagar and *vice versa*— 3 buses.
Performing 3 up and 3 down services daily—6 services in all.
- (3) Dibrugarh-Moran and *vice versa*— 2 buses.
Performing 4 up and 4 down services daily—8 services in all.
- (4) Dibrugarh-Khowang and *vice versa*— 2 buses.
Performing 5 up and 5 down services daily—10 services in all.
- (5) Dibrugarh-Chabua and *vice versa*— 1 bus.
Performing 2 up and 2 down services daily—4 services in all.
- (6) Dibrugarh-Tinsukia and *vice versa*— 2 buses.
Performing 3 up and 3 down services daily—6 services in all.
- (7) Dibrugarh-Doom Dooma and *vice versa*— 3 buses.
Performing 3 up and 2 down services daily—5 services in all.
- (8) Dibrugarh-Dholla and *vice versa*— 2 buses.
Performing 2 up and 3 down services daily—5 services in all.

(b)—There are altogether 35 buses plying on the route from Jorhat to Dholla.

(c)—The number of new and old buses plying in the above services are:—

Section	Old buses petrol driven	New buses diesel driven	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Dibrugarh-Dholla	3	9	12
Dibrugarh-Jorhat on services mentioned above at item 1(a).	5	18	23
Total ..	8	27	35

(d)—Petrol and diesel buses were placed in 1952-53 and 1955-56 respectively.

(e)—The complaint is being enquired into.

118. (a)—The information has been sought from the Regional Transport Authority—

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The matter will be looked into.

119. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The matter is under consideration.

Registration of Pabtharia Pragati Krisak Samabaya

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

120. Will the Minister for Co-operation, be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have lately received petition for registration of Pabtharia Pragati Krisak Samabaya of Pubtharia Mauza in Nowgong District ?

(b) If so, why the Samabaya in question has not yet been registered ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge Co-operative) replied:

120. (a)—Registration of Co-operative Societies is done by Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies at each District Headquarters. Papers for registration do not come up to Government. Hence Government has no information. Information has been called for.

(b)—For the reason stated above Government have no information whether this Society has or has not been registered and if not registered why it has not been registered.

Tengakhath Community Development Project

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

121. Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount, that has been granted by Government towards the Tengakhath Project upto the end of June, 1958 ?

(b) As per following classification, what amount of work has been done by this Project and where—

- (i) total number of schools opened with their location and names ;
- (ii) total number of roads, with location and mileage ;
- (iii) total number of R.C.C. well with location ;
- (iv) total number of tube wells with location ;
- (v) total number of Dispensaries with location ;
- (vi) total number of Libraries with location ; and
- (vii) total number of Weaving Centres with location, and to what extent the public are being benefited by these Weaving Centres ?

(c) What is the total number of officers with staff engaged in that Department, and the salary they are drawing ?

(d) What are their names, address and qualification ?

(e) Who are the members and how many meetings this Advisory Board were held during the period ?

(f) Whether any real representative of labour was taken in the Board ?

(g) What is the total number of people under the project and of them how many belong to tea garden labourers and other communities ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary),
replied:

121. (a)—The total amount granted from 1953 to June 1958 is Rs.15,40,250.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c) & (d)—Information available is placed on the Library Table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 69.)

(e)—Regarding members information is placed on the Library Table. Regarding number of meetings the information is being collected.

(f)—Information is being collected.

(g)—The total population according to the 1951 Census is 61,777. The numbers comprising tea garden labourers is not known and is being collected.

Project Executive Officer, Gobardhan National Extension Services

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

122. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Project Executive Officer, Gobardhana National Extension Services, works without consulting the Project Advisory Committee?
- (b) If so, what is the reason.
- (c) Whether he has taken the approval of the Project Advisory Committee?
- (d) If not, whether Government propose to take a serious note of it?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that he is engaged in party politics within his project area?
- (f) If so, whether Government propose to prevent the officer from taking part in party politics?
- (g) With whose permission he distributed contracts for ring-well?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that many of those ring-wells have not been properly constructed?
- (i) How much money was spent on purchasing petrol by the said officer since the Project was started?

- (j) Whether it is a fact that the Project Officer had made certain changes in allotment of grant to the different M. C. and M. E. Schools after it was passed by the Projects Advisory Committee in its meeting ?
- (k) What amount has been spent for construction the buildings of the Project office ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that the Project Officer has collected seedling of pineapple, canes, betelnut, etc.
- (m) If so, from whom ?
- (n) Whether they have been paid for the seedlings ?
- (o) If so, what amount to each of them ?
- (p) What is the price charged for seedlings per thousand ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied:

122. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Government have no such information.

(f)—A Government servant is expected to know the rules which prevent him from participating in politics.

(g)—Information is being collected.

(h)—Information is being collected.

(i)—Information is being collected.

(j)—Information is being collected.

(k)—Information is being collected.

(l)—Information is being collected.

(m)—Information is being collected.

(n)—Information is being collected.

(o)—Information is being collected.

(p)—Information is being collected.

**Inaccuracy in proposed Blocks submitted in 1953 for
Dibrugarh Subdivision**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

123. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects and N. E. S. Blocks be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that certain inaccuracy crept in the list of proposed Blocks submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur in 1953 for Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the three Transferred Areas such as Abor Hills (Murkongsellek) Transferred Area, Mishmi Hills (Sadiya) Transferred Area and Tirap Transferred Area were not included in any of the proposals ?
- (c) What is the number of population and the area in square miles of each of these Transferred Areas ?
- (d) Whether this Tirap Transferred Area has been proposed to be included in any of the blocks under proposal ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that a portion of Makum Mauza in Margherita Thana with a rural population of over 20,000 was also omitted to be included in the proposals ?
- (f) Whether Government would furnish the actual incorrectness in population and area of Makum Mauza shown in the proposals under reference ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that these rural areas are very under developed and need close attention of the Government for improvement ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to form a separate National Extension Service or Community Development Block with Tirap Transferred Area and Makum Mauza ?

124. Will the Minister in-charge of Community Projects and National Extension Service Blocks be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the population in the proposal of Doom Dooma—Tinsukia

National Extension Service Block with Rangagora, Tinsukia, Hapjan, Tingrai and Doom Dooma Mauzas as submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur in 1953 is shown incorrectly ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the population of Hapjan Mauza is shown as 7,626 whereas the total population of this Mauza (spread over Tinsukia and Doom Dooma Thanas) is about 53,000 according to 1951 census ?
- (c) If not, what is the correct population and area of Hapjan Mauza ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the population of Tingrai Mauza also has been shown incorrectly as 10,496 ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the total population of Tingrai Mauza which forms part of each Tinsukia, Doom Dooma and Digboi Thanas is about 36,000 ?
- (f) What is the correct population and area in square miles of Tingrai Mauza ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that the villages in these Mauzas (*i.e.*, Tingrai, Hapjan) are in primitive condition and need close attention of the authorities for their improvement ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to alter the areas of the proposal submitted by the Deputy Commissioner to make the Blocks more practicable ?

125. Will the Minister in-charge of Community Projects and National Extension Service Blocks be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Kakapathar National Extension Service Block was proposed with an area of 577 square miles by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the population of Makum Mauza has been shown as 13,496 in the proposal of Kakapathar National Extension Service Block whereas the total population according to 1951 census was about 50,000 ?

- (c) If not, what is the actual population and area in square mile of this Makum Mauza ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that this Makum Mauza spread up to Ledo in Margherita Thana ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that a man from one part of the proposed Block will have to cross 3 Mauzas (*i.e.*, Doom Dooma, Hapjan and Tingrai) outside the Block to keep touch with the other part of the Block ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that instead of pointing out this difficulty and vastness of the area of the proposed Kakapathar National Extension Service Block the district authorities suggested inclusion of Tirap Transferred areas with it which is at a distance of over 50 miles by road from Kakapathar ?
- (g) What is the population and area in square mile in Tirap Transferred area ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the Secretary Subdivisional Development Board suggested increase of the area of Kakapathar National Extension Service Block by inclusion of Tirap Transferred area without consultation with the Board, or the local Members of this Assembly ?
- (i) Whether Government propose to reject such suggestion, if any, and arrange to form Kakapathar National Extension Service Block with Saikhowa, Doom Dooma and Buridihing Mauzas and a separate N. E. S. Block with Makum Mauza and Tirap Transferred area ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development Project) replied :

123-125.—Information is being collected. The Subdivisional Development Board, Dibrugarh in its meeting on 12th August 1958 has resolved that the present delimitation of the Subdivision into Blocks should be re-examined in order that areas allotted to each Block could be more rationally distributed taking into account population, communication facilities, etc., and the discrepancies regarding figures and statistics resolved. Accordingly the entire question is under examination by the district authorities.

Iron and Steel goods and C. I. Sheets

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked :

126. Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the position of iron and steel goods is quite unsatisfactory in our State ?
- (b) What was the quantity of C. I. Sheets and Iron rods that was brought to our State during the last eight months and what is our annual quota?
- (c) Whether the view expressed by the Supply Minister in his Budget Speech in 1957 regarding increase of the quota of iron and steel goods has materialised to some extent and what has been the increase over the quota of 13,524 tons of iron and steel goods received in the year 1956-57 ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that no supply of flat iron and iron rods was made to North Lakhimpur for the last four or five years ?
- (e) Whether this difficulty can be lifted the quota of flat iron and iron rods on Government account as is done in the case of C. I. Sheets in North Lakhimpur ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

126. (a) Yes.

(b) During 1957-58, our quota under the following heads was as follows—

						Tons
(1) Agricultural	...	...	...	...	...	3056
(2) Non-Agricultural	...	...	...	...	...	2550
						—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	5606
						—

The following quantities of C. I. Sheets and rods were brought to Assam during November 1957—July 1958.

C I. Sheets								Rods							
Imported				Indigenous				Imported				Indigenous			
T.	cwt.	qr.	lbs.	T.	cwt.	qr.	lbs.	T.	cwt.	qr.	lbs.	T.	cwt.	qr.	lbs.
135	13	0	2	1139	10	0	4	Nil				407	1	3	6

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes, there is scarcity of iron rods throughout the State.

(e)—Difficulty does not lie in lifting the quota, but non-supply of the materials by the suppliers and meagre allotment made by the Government of India are the main obstacles.

Supply of rice through Fair Price Shops at Barpeta

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

127. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to State—

(a) Whether it is a fact that about 2500 maunds of rice were given to the public through Fair Price Shops during the months of June 1958 in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that due to negligence of the Supply authority of Barpeta the people are deprived of that quota of rice ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that the Supply authority at Barpeta order the dealers of Fair Price Shops to deposit Rs.18-10-0 per maund in the Barpeta Sub-treasury whereas the some authority again order them to sell rice at the rate of Rs.18-8-0 per maund ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that public representation had been given to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup in this regard for distribution of that quota of rice but up till now nothing has been done ?

(e) Who is responsible for this state of affairs ?

(f) What steps, Government is going to take against the irresponsible officials ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied:

127. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. It was due to the default by retailers to lift the allotted quotas.

(c)—Through misunderstanding of Government instructions the Supply authority at Barpeta asked the Fair Price Shop dealers to deposit value of rice at Rs.18.62 Naye Paise per maund inclusive of the price of gunnies instead of Rs.18.00 per maund as in case of imported rice available from Central Government depots and to sell the same at Rs.18.50 Naye Paise per maund with an assurance to the retailers that the price of bags would be refunded as soon as Government direction to that effect was received.

(d)—No. At the same time the Government procedure is that the quota of rice allotted to a district or subdivision for a particular month must be distributed during that month ; otherwise the quota will lapse and will not be carried over to the next month.

(e)—Apparently the retailers are responsible due to some mis-understanding.

(f)—Does not arise.

**Amount realised as Touzi Revenue in North Lakhimpur
Subdivision in 1956-57 and 1957-58**

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked :

128. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total amount realised in each of the years 1956-57 and 1957-58 as Touzi revenue from each mouza of North Lakhimpur subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that almost a major portion of this Touzi revenue is realised from Government waste lands and if so, why the Government are settling these lands with the present occupants ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware of the public feeling that this is a means for realising money from ignorant people by some people ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to issue order for immediate settlement of all such lands with landless cultivators in consultation with the Panchayats of the locality ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

128. (a) to (d)—Information have been called for.

Village Level Workers

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Bogdung) asked :

129. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there are any instructions for the Village Level Workers to make night-halts at different places in their respective areas ?
- (b) If so, for how many nights a month ?
- (c) Whether these instructions are carried out by them ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

130. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the duties assigned to a Village Level Worker ?
- (b) What is the requisite educational qualification of a Village Level Worker ?
- (c) Whether the present Village Level Workers are sufficiently qualified to discharge their duties efficiently ?

131. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any provision for providing quarters to the Village Level Workers in the N. E. S. & C. D. Blocks ?
- (b) If not, what other arrangements have been made for them to stay in their respective areas ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that for want of quarters many of the Village Level Workers do not stay within their areas ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied:

129. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Twenty nights a month.

(c) & (d)—No definite information is available but it is doubtful if the Gram Sevaks remain outside their headquarters for 20 (twenty) nights. It appears that in practice also it would be difficult to require them to stay outside their headquarters for 20 days a month. For this reason the matter is being reconsidered and the revised instructions will be insisted upon for adherence.

130. (a)—The duties assigned to Village Level Worker are placed on the Library Table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 60).

(b)—In general he is expected to be a Matriculate. Apart from this he is to be trained in Basic and Extension Agricultural Courses.

(c)—By and large it is felt that the Village Level Workers are not equipped to discharge their duties efficiently. In order to bring about necessary improvements both the method of selection and the training programme are being reconsidered.

131. (a)—At present "Yes" in C. D. areas and not in N. E. S. Blocks under the revised budgetary pattern, however, the N. E. S. & C. D. Blocks will be treated as Blocks in Stage I and would have provision for Gram Sevak's Quarters.

(b)—This would not arise in future as stated in (a) above.

(c)—There may be cases where for lack of quarters a Village Level Worker of an area may have to stay outside his area. This difficulty will be removed when quarters are supplied as mentioned in reply to question No.3 (a).

Panitola N. E. S. Block

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Bogdung) asked:

132. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) When the Agricultural Extension Officer of the Panitola N. E. S. Block was deputed for training and what is the period of training ?

(b) Whether there was a great set-back in cultivation of Ahu paddy due to the absence of this Officer during the season for sowing Ahu paddy ?

133. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that many Village Level Workers have resigned their posts ?

(b) If so, what is the reason ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that due to their resignations many areas are going without Village Level Workers ?

134. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Project Executive Officers are to make night-halts at different places in their area and if so, for how many days a month ?

(b) Whether the Project Executive Officers are actually making night-halts ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied:

132. (a)—He was deputed for training from 7th June, 1958 to 6th July, 1958.

(b)—The absence of an Agricultural Extension Officer should not normally affect the sowings of Ahu by the cultivators. Enquiry is however been made whether due to his absence on training there was a set-back to Ahu cultivation.

133. (a)—Not many Village Level Workers have resigned.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)—No.

134. (a)—Yes, 10 (ten) days a month.

(b)—Yes, some have not actually been making the night-halts prescribed. They have been informed.

Sanction of grants for University affiliated Colleges in Assam

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

135. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he would furnish a list of University affiliated Colleges in Assam, showing the recurring grants sanctioned by the State ?

(b) Whether he would furnish a list of Colleges in Assam which have applied for affiliation but awaiting affiliation of the University ?

(c) Whether Government have any proposal to encourage these Venture Colleges ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

135. (a)—A list is placed on the table.

[Statement laid on the Library Table in reply to unstarred Question No.135(a)].

List of Affiliated Colleges

Name of colleges				Recurring grant sanctioned
				Rs.
1. M. C. College, Barpeta	...	...	...	1,500
2. B. N. College, Dhubri	...	...	...	1,500
3. Dibrugarh H.S.K. College	...	...	...	2,000
4. Handique Girls' College, Gauhati	...	...	...	2,800
5. B. Barooah College, Gauhati	...	...	..	1,000
6. Nalbari College, Nalbari	...	...	...	1,500
7. J. B. College, Jorhat	...	...	...	3,000
8. Sibsagar College, Sibsagar	...	...	...	1,500
9. Karimganj College, Karimganj	...	...	...	2,700
10. Nowgong College	...	...	...	2,200
11. St. Edmund's College, Shillong	...	...	...	1,000
12. St. Anthony's College, Shillong	...	...	...	1,500
13. St. Mary's College, Shillong	...	...	...	1,000
14. Lady Keane Girls' College, Shillong	...	...	...	1,500
15. Gurucharan College, Silchar	...	...	...	3,000
16. Darrang College, Tezpur	...	...	...	2,000
17. Bazali College, Pathsala	...	...	...	1,000 (is being sanctioned from this year).
18. Devicharan Barua Girls' College, Jorhat	...	...	...	
19. Abhayapuri College, Goalpara	...	...	...	Nil
20. Debraj Roj College, Golaghat	...	...	...	1,000

(b)—A list is placed on the table.

[Statement laid on the Library Table in reply to unstarred Question No.135(b)].

List of non-Affiliated Colleges but which have applied for affiliation

1. Pragjoytish College, Gauhati.
2. North Lakhimpur College, North Lakhimpur.
3. Union Christian College, Barapani.
4. S. S. College, Hailakandi.
5. Goalpara College, Goalpara.

(c)—According to the adopted principles of grant-in-aid to aided colleges, no college will be eligible for grant-in-aid unless it is affiliated to the University. However, a provision of Rs.72,000 for giving recurring grants to the under-mentioned colleges has been made in the current year's budget.

1. Pragyotish College.
2. Bajali College.
3. Goalpara College.
4. Mangaldoi College.
5. Devicharan Barua Girls' College.
6. North Lakhimpur College.

Total number of cattle that died in the epidemic of 1958 districtwise

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

136. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of cattle that died in the epidemic of 1958 districtwise ?
- (b) The total number of cattle yielding milk, and the total number of cattle engaged in ploughing districtwise ?
- (c) The step was taken by Government to combat this cattle epidemic ?
- (d) Whether the Department had adequate medicine as precaution against the disease ?
- (e) If not, why not ?
- (f) What help was rendered by Government to these cultivators who lost their cattle during this epidemic showing the aid rendered, when and what amount districtwise ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

136. (a)—Districtwise figure 1957-58—

Nowgong	...	...	...	...	875
Goalpara	...	...	...	...	2,687
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	2,862
Darrang	...	...	...	...	31,028
Cachar	...	...	...	...	1,506
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	1,878
United Mikir and North-Cachar Hills					762
Hills	...	...	...	...	91
United Khasi-Jaintia Hills	...	...	...	...	320

(b)—Information is not available.

(c)—The entire staff of the Department was engaged in mass vaccination against Rinderpest. This programme is still continuing. In addition one Rinderpest Eradication Officer, 4 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, 8 Supervisor Field Assistants and 60 Veterinary Field Assistants are engaged exclusively for this work. The staff has so far vaccinated 28,89,260 animals against the disease.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—Government issued and are issuing agricultural and cattle loans to the affected cultivators to enable them to purchase cattle and other Agricultural requirement. A statement of all loans including cattle loan that were issued last year and are being issued this year is placed on the Library table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 71).

Timber Supply to the Protection Work of Dibrugarh

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

137. Will the Minister of Flood Control be pleased to state—

- (a) What was the total quantity of timber piles used in the Protection Works of Dibrugarh town ?
- (b) From which places these timber piles were collected, showing the number of piles from each individual place ?
- (c) Who are the suppliers of those timber piles and their addresses ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that quite a number of timber piles were left unused ?
- (e) If so, where are those piles at present, and what is the value of those surplus piles ?
- (f) Whether the surplus piles were transferred to some other Projects ?
- (g) If so, whether the value of those piles has been credited with the account of Dibrugarh Town Protection Works ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, P.W.D.) replied :

137. (a) to (g)—The information is being collected.

Response to the representation of Rahamaria-Nagaghoolie Protection Committee

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

138. Will the Minister-in-charge of Flood Control be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any representation from Rahamaria-Nagaghoolie Protection Committee was received by him ?

(b) Whether the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited that eroded area during his last visit at Dibrugarh on 7th July 1958 ?

(c) Whether Minister-in-charge visited that eroded area during his last visit at Dibrugarh ?

(d) Whether the Minister-in-charge of Finance visited that eroded area during his last visit at Dibrugarh ?

(e) Whether any scheme has been taken in hand ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, P.W.D.) replied :

138. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No.

Survey for river valley projects

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

139. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government of Assam have taken up any river valley project in Assam?
- (b) If not, what is the reason?
- (c) Whether any river survey and studies have been made in Assam?
- (d) If so, what are the rivers?
- (e) Is it a fact that the Manas river valley scheme was approved?
- (f) If so, why it was cancelled?
- (g) What are the big rivers in Assam besides Brahmaputra?
- (h) What are their length?
- (i) What are their breadth at the estuaries?
- (j) The names of the rivers which are causing destruction as a result of their erosion?
- (k) Whether any anti-erosion measures been taken by the Government?
- (l) If so, what are they?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied:

139. (a)—Yes. A single purpose River Valley Project, viz., the Umtru Hydro-electric Project has been completed and switched on the 9th July, 1957.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c) & (d)—Yes. Detailed investigations of the Kopilli are being carried out and are expected to be completed in the 1958-59 field season. Besides preliminary investigations of the Tirap, the Namphuk and the Namchik in the Dehing basin and of the Subansiri are being taken up.

(e)—No. In October, 1947, Shri A. N. Khosla, the then Chairman, CW and PC and Shri Man Singh paid a visit to Assam and undertook a reconnaissance tour of the Assam Valley. As a result of their study tours, they were of opinion that some rivers could be developed for multi-purpose, schemes of flood control, generation of Hydro-electric power, navigation and in certain limited areas also irrigation. In a conference held at the Government House on 17th October, 1957, after some discussion, the State Government accepted the recommendations of Shri Khosla—the Manas being one of the rivers so recommended

In pursuance of this decision hydrological data for the river Manas were collected. When the time came for survey of the reservoir areas which lie in the Bhutan territory, the Bhutan Government laid down such stringent conditions for entry and survey of that territory that these made it impossible to carry out the survey work. The collection of hydrological and meteorological data is, however, being continued.

(f)—Does not arise in view of reply above.

(g)—The Subansiri, the Jia-bhorelli, the Pagladiya, the Manas, the Dihang, the Dibang, the Luhit, the Noa-Dehing, the Buri-Dehing, the Kopilli and the Barak.

(h)—The Subansiri-300 miles ; Jia-Bhorelli-180 miles ; the Pagladiya-60 miles ; the Manas-550 miles ; the Dihang-1,700 miles ; the Dibang-150 miles ; the Luhit-260 miles ; the Noa-Dehing-130 miles ; the Buri-Dehing-220 miles ; the Kopilli-150 miles and the Barak-350 miles.

(i)—The Subansiri-1 mile at the Brahmaputra River ; the Jia-bhorelli- $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile at the Brahmaputra River ; the Pagladiya- $\frac{1}{2}$ furlong at Dubaria Beel ; the Manas- $\frac{1}{2}$ mile at the Brahmaputra River ; the Dihang- $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles at the Luhit River ; the Dibang- $\frac{3}{4}$ mile at the Luhit River ; the Luhit-2 miles at the Dibang River ; the Noa-Dehing-1 furlong at the Luhit River ; the Buri-Dehing-1 furlong at the Brahmaputra River ; the Kopilli-1 furlong at the Kullong River ; the Barak-1 furlong at Karimganj.

(j)—The Brahmaputra, the Jiahorali, the Gaurang, the Barak, the Kushiara, the Dehing, the Desang and the Mangaldai.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—Dibrugarh, Sualkuchi, Goalpara, Dhubri, Bilasipara, Jamuguri, Nowgong, Silchar, Karimganj, Naharkatiya, Bhojo, Behiagaon and Mangaldai Protection Works.

Protective works for Dibrugarh Town

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

140. Will the Minister-in-charge of Flood Control be pleased to State—

- (a) The total quantity of boulders, and blasted stones used in the Town Protection Revetment at Dibrugarh?
- (b) What was total number of labourers who worked in this Protection Work?
- (c) Whether any Institution render any free voluntary labour in this Town Protection Works?
- (d) If so, what are the names of those Institutions and what amount of labour was offered by those Institutions?
- (e) What are the names of quarries from where boulders and blasted stone were collected?
- (f) What was the estimate of Government for this Protection Work to start with?
- (g) Whether Government consulted and got the approval of Dibrugarh public for additional expenses of the Protection Works?
- (h) Whether that additional expenditure will have to be borne by the public of Dibrugarh Town?
- (i) Who were the suppliers of boulders and stones to this protection works and their addresses?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, Public Works Department) replied:

140. (a) to (i)—The information is being collected.

Canteen of Arun Sarmah within the Campus of Assam Medical College

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked:

141. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) If steps have been taken to evict one Arun Sarmah who illegally and without permission, built a pucca house within the grounds of the Assam Medical College?

(b) If not, what are the reasons for such connivance?

(c) Whether permission has been given to the said Arun Sarmah to start a bakery, a confectionery, a grocery, a stationery, a hotel and a restaurant there on a permanent footing?

(d) If so, what prompted the Government to give a monopoly of trade within the said area to a particular person in preference to leasing out annually by auction or otherwise a suitable sites or houses built for the purpose, within the Campus of the College?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the said Arun Sarmah violated the terms and conditions prescribed for running a grocery, stationery and a restaurant there?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

141. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Shri Sarma has been allowed to run a canteen and permitted to stock and supply all the necessities including food-stuffs of the staff and the students of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Government have no information.

Ratio and quota for the allotment of C. I. Sheets to the different Subdivisions

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

142. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any fixed ratio for allotment of C. I. Sheets to the different Subdivisional Headquarters ?

(b) If so, what is that ?

(c) How the ratio is fixed ?

(d) Whether the ratio is fixed according to population or according to need of the area or both ?

(e) How the need for C. I. Sheets of a particular area is known for the purpose of fixing quota of C. I. Sheets ?

(f) If need is not considered to be the basis of ratio whether it is fair to allot only on the basis of population ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied:

142. (a)—There is no fixed ratio. The total allotment of C. I. Sheets received from Government of India for each period is reallocated to each Subdivision on population basis.

(b), (c), (d) & (e)—Do not arise.

(f)—The quota allotted by Government of India usually is far below our requirements. Allotment to subdivisions on population basis is therefore the fairest.

Black-marketing of rice of Fair Rice Shops at Dhubri

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

143. Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether some cases of black marketing rice of fair price shops were detected by the Supply Inspector, Dhubri on 20th April 1958 ?

(b) If so, who are the persons involved ?

(c) What steps have been taken by the Government to prosecute the offenders ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied:

143. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for.

Budget of the Karimganj Municipality on Investigation

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

144. Will the Minister, L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Budget proposal for the year 1958-59 of the Karimganj Municipality has been submitted and passed ?

(b) If not what is the reason for this delay ?

(c) Is it not violation of the Account Rules of the Assam Municipal Manual ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Government by this letter No. LML. 162/58/1 of the 5th May 1958 asked the Board to submit the budget by 31st May, 1958 ?

(e) Whether the Minister has received any letter from one Sri Nalinikanta Das, dated 4th August 1958 regarding allegations against the Chairman of Karimganj Municipality ?

(f) Whether any enquiry has been made regarding these allegations and what steps have been taken to punish the offenders ?

144. (a) Will the Minister of L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Karimganj Municipal Board has submitted any scheme for water supply ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that in spite of the Public Health Department to submit the scheme within 10 days this has not been done ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister L. S.- G.) replied:

144. (a)—The budget proposal for 1958-59 has not yet been received from the Karimganj Municipal Board. The Chirman, Karimganj Municipal Board has been asked to submit the same with reasons for the delay.

(b)—The reason for this delay will be known after reply from the Chairman is received.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

(f) The Examiner, Local Accounts had been directed to make a special audit of the accounts of the Karimganj Municipal Board and his report is being awaited.

144. (a). (a)—Yes.

(b) Yes, in spite of several reminders, the Chairman, Karimganj Municipal Board has not yet submitted the modified estimate.

Special meeting of Dibrugarh Municipality on 18th May 1957

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

145. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a special meeting of the Dibrugarh Municipal Board was called on 18th May 1957?

(b) If so, what was the agenda of the said meeting?

(c) Whether Government are aware that ten members of the said Board walked out of the meeting?

(d) If not, will Government enquire into the matter to gather facts?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

145. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The agenda of the meeting was to consider the subject of postponed meeting, dated 14th May 1957, *viz.*, the consideration of the findings of the Municipal Enquiry Committee.

(c)—Some members walked out of the said meeting but the exact number was not counted.

(d)—The matter was already enquired into and the information is as explained at (a), (b) and (c) above.

Money allotted to the different Municipalities for Urban Development during Plan Period

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) asked :

146. Will the Minister of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of money that has been allotted to the different Municipalities of the State for Urban Development during the First Five Year and Second Five Year Plans under the heads (i) Water Supply, (ii) Roads, (iii) Drainage and (iv) Slum-clearance.

(b) Whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned some amount of money to its Public Health Department to be utilised for Public Health purposes in the different towns of the State ?

(c) If so, what are the allotments for different Municipal towns in the State ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Municipal Town of Dhubri has not been allotted any grant and Urban Development Scheme of Five Year Plan or under Public Health Scheme ?

- (e) Whether Government is aware of the fact that the use of the service latrine has become grievously unhygienic due for heavy congestion in some Municipal towns in the State ?
- (f) If so, whether Government propose to consider any scheme for conversion of service latrines to the sanitary latrines through payment of loans to the Municipal Board on easy instalment ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware of any big and considerable slum areas within the Dhubri Municipality ?
- (h) If so, whether Government consider it necessary to clear the slum for the benefit of the public ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

146. (a)—There is no such provision for grants for Urban Development in the First Five Year Plan. Under the Second Five Year Plan, some amounts as mentioned against each of the following municipalities were allotted for some specific Urban Development Schemes, such as providing pucca drains, footpaths, widening of existing roads, children's park, etc.

					Rs.
1956-57—1.	Silchar	..	...	...	16,275
	2. Jorhat	...	...	...	16,500
	3. Dibrugarh	...	...	...	16,500
	4. Nowgong	...	...	...	16,328
	5. Dhubri	...	..	...	15,640
	6. Tezpur	...	...	...	15,880
	7. Gauhati	...	...	...	15,266
	8. Tinsukia	...	...	...	6,000
	Total	...	...	...	1,18,389

Rs.

1957-58—1. Gauhati 2,00,000

2. Sanction was also accorded to the Tezpur Municipal Board during this year for utilisation of the previous year's unspent amount of Rs. 7,940.

					Rs.
1958-59—1.	Silchar	...	...	...	10,000
2.	Jorhat	...	...	...	10,000
3.	Nowgong	...	...	...	10,000
4.	Dhubri	...	...	...	10,000
5.	Tezpur	...	...	...	10,000
6.	Dibrugarh	...	...	...	15,000
7.	Tinsukia	...	...	...	15,000
Total					80,000

The amounts allotted to the different municipalities of the State for Urban Water Supply under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Scheme during the Second Five Year Plan are as follows :—

1. Karimganj Water Supply Scheme ... 15 lakhs.
2. Shillong Water Supply Scheme ... 30.55 lakhs.

Further the Government of India is very likely to sanction another amount of Rs. 102.75 lakhs for the Gauhati Water Supply Scheme.

(b) & (c)—The following amounts were sanctioned by the Government of Assam for improvement of water supply at Gauhati and Shillong through the Public Health Engineering Department.

Improvement of Water Supply at Gauhati — Rs.3 lakhs.

Improvement of Water Supply at Shillong — Rs.2.24 lakhs.

(d)—As mentioned against Q. (a) the following amounts were allotted to the Dhubri Municipal Board under the Urban Development Scheme—

						Rs.
1955-57	...	...	...	...	...	15,640
1958-59	...	...	...	...	...	10,000

No funds have been allotted to this Municipality for Water Supply under the Public Health Scheme.

(e)—This is a question of opinion and depends on the efficiency of each Municipal Board.

(f)—Does not arise. Before sanitary latrines can be built there must be sufficient water supply for drinking and flushing purposes.

(g) & (h)—Yes. Clearance and improvement of the slum area is a tremendous task involving huge sums of money. However the Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Bill, 1958 is being enacted shortly and if any Central assistance is available or if the finances of the State improve considerably, slum areas in different towns of the State may be removed gradually.

Public Works Department's action over the remaining portion of Tamarhat-Gossaigaon Road via-Harafuta

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

147. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Public Works Department has decided to take up remaining portion of the Tamarhat-Gossaigaon Road via Harafuta ?

(b) If so, when will the work be started ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

147. (a) & (b)—Information has been called for.

Attention drawn for the improvement of Namati-Masalpur Extension Road upto Jamunartari

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

148. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the Namati-Masalpur Extension Road upto Jamunartari is badly damaged by the rain ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the road from Tihu to Jamunartari is not serviceable to the public due to mud ?
- (c) What steps have been taken by the Government to improve the road ?
- (d) Whether Government has received applications from the public to improve the above-portion of the road by gravelling and earthwork, etc. ?
- (e) If so, how many applications received within the course of last one year and why steps are not taken yet towards that direction ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to improve the road within the current year ?
- (g) Whether there is budget provision for further improvement—gravelling and extension of Namati-Masalpur Road upto Jamunartari ?
- (h) If so, why gravelling and improvement works are not being done as yet ?
- (i) Whether the gravelling works will be done during the Winter season of the current year ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

148. (a) & (i)—Information has been called for.

**Application of the eviction notice in Bhatikuchi
Forest Reserve**

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

149. Will the Minister for Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that eviction notice has been served upon the Scheduled Caste people who are possessing some barren lands in Bhatikuchi Forest Reserve ?

(b) If so, whether there will be alternative arrangement for them ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

149. (a) & (b)—Information is being called for and will be furnished when ready.

**Quantity of wood supplied to Raha Middle Vernacular
School (Nowgong) since 1955 to up-to-date**

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

150. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total quantity of wood allotted to Raha Middle Vernacular School in the district of Nowgong within the course of the years 1955-56, 1956-57, 1957-58 and in 1958-59 upto the end of June, 1958 ?

(b) What quantity was taken and what quantity was being utilised by the said Institution ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

150. (a) & (b)—Information are being called for, and will be furnished when ready.

Number of Cheap-grain shops and quota of rice allotted for them

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

151. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Cheap-grain Shops are at present functioning in the State ?
- (b) What is the number of such shops in each of the Subdivisions ?
- (c) How many cards have been issued uptil now and what is the number of persons to whom the cards are issued ?
- (d) Whether the principle of allotment of quota of rice equally applied to all the shops ?
- (e) Whether the quota of rice is allotted on weekly, fortnightly or on monthly basis ?
- (f) How many maunds of rice were allotted to each of the shops during the month of April, May, June and July, 1958 ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that some of the cheap-grain-shops including the cheap-grain-shops at Nalbari Circle, Tihu Circle, Barpeta Subdivision and Gauhati Town are not getting rice regularly ?
- (h) Whether Government is aware that people are hard hit for want of regular supply of rice ?
- (i) What is the reason for irregular supply of rice ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

151. (a)—(i)—Information has been called for.

Action of the representation sent through the Sub-divisional Officer, Goalpara by the District Krishak Sava *vide* resolution of the 25th May 1958

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

152. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a representation was submitted to the Government of Assam through the Subdivisional Officer, Goalpara by the Goalpara District Krishak Sava on the basis of a resolution passed on the 25th May, 1958 at Daranggiri to the effect that the food position of the District is very much precarious ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that in that representation Government was requested to distribute free rice in village Baguwan, Karaikhowa, Nalanga, Daroka, Baida, Tiripur, Balizana, Solmari, Badamal, Hatipura, Lalabari, Dohikora, Mornai Dubapara, Korbhahi, Lela, Harimura, Jira, Pesalkhowa, Nibari, Mawormari, Balbola, Danara, Dudhnai, Uppertola, Matia, Dalgoma, Bohati, Bakairtari, Karipara, Amgonga, Darangiri, Rangjuli, Kahibari, Kathalbari, Simbitola, Kamarpora, Tiplai, Bamunigaon, Liopara, Dhanubhanga, Kathakothi, Khekapara Khutabari, Dighali, Dhundhora and Navagota Sinalitola as those villages are scarcity affected ?
- (c) If so, what measure Government has undertaken ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that in that representation it was suggested to the Government to open some relief centres to help the poor people ?
- (e) If so, whether such relief centres have been opened ?
- (f) If the reply to (e) above be in the affirmative, how many of them have been opened and in which places ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

152. (a) & (b)—Information has been called for.

Fair and Cheap-grain shops in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

153. Will the Minister Supply be pleased to state—

(a) How many Fair and Cheap-grain shops have been opened in Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that rice has not yet been supplied to those shops ?

(c) If not, when the rice will be supplied ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that rice is supplied proportion to the consumers ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

153. (a) 16.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Yes.

Total quantity of C. I. Sheets in Nalbari and Tihu Circle

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

154. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total quantity of C. I. Sheets sanctioned to Nalbari Supply Office during the period from June, 1957 to June 1958 for distribution in Nalbari and Tihu Circle ?

- (b) How many petitions for C. I. Sheets were pending before the Supply Office, Nalbari upto June 1958 ?
- (c) What is the total quantity of C. I. Sheets required to meet up the present demand in Nalbari and Tihu Circle ?
- (d) How many petitions were received till June, 1958 at Nalbari Supply Office, asking for C. I. Sheets for public institutions ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that hundreds of wooden structures (already erected) are on the verge of having damaged being exposed to sun and rain for want of C. I. Sheets ?
- (f) If the reply to (e) above is in the negative, whether Government will be pleased to make an enquiry ?
- (g) If the reply to (e) is in the affirmative whether Government are aware of the public feeling that the present plan of distribution of C. I. Sheets is responsible for all such anomalies ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

154. (a)—Forty tons.

(b)—Four thousand, seventy-eight petitions upto the period ending June 1958.

(c)—Approximately 15,000 Bundles.

(d)—Four hundred and twelve petitions.

(e)—Yes. Some such cases are reported.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Present plan of distribution has nothing to do with it. Owing to short supply of C. I. Sheets, some hardships might have caused to the needy public.

Supply of C. I. Sheets in Kokrajhar Subdivision**Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon)** asked:

155. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

Why there is no supply of C. I. Sheets quota for Kokrajhar Subdivision for the last 4/5 months ?

M. MOINU' HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

155. As no dealer in iron and steel materials has been appointed finally for Kokrajhar, no allotment of C. I. Sheets could be made separately to Kokrajhar Subdivision to be distributed through a dealer of Kokrajhar. However, Kokrajhar is receiving a separate quota through the Dhubri dealer pending the appointment of a separate dealer at Kokrajhar.

Cheap-grain Shops at Nalbari and Tihu circle**Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West)** asked :

156. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Cheap-grain Shops of Nalbari and Tihu Circle are running very irregularly due to want of regular supply of rice to them ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that all the mauzas of Nalbari Circle and some parts of Tihu Circle are severely affected by rice-bug-insect as a result of which the people are more hard hit and scarcity of rice in those areas are very acute ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the people of those areas sent representation to Government for allotment of more rice during the month of May and June 1958 ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Supply Advisory Board, Shri R. C. Dev Choudhury (Magistrate, Nalbari) requested the Government to allot a quota of one hundred and fifty tons of rice per month to Nalbari and Tihu Circle for regular supply to the Cheap-grain Shops ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the Questioner also sent two urgent wires one to the Director of Supply and another to the Minister-in-charge of Supply on 24th June, 1958 to allot one hundred and fifty tons of rice to the Nalbari and Tihu areas ?
- (f) Whether Government has decided to allot the required quota of rice ?
- (g) If not, why not ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

156(a) to (g)—Information has been called for.

Distribution of C. I. Sheets in consultation of the Supply Advisory Board

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

157. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that C. I. Sheets are distributed in consultation with the Supply Advisory Board ?
- (b) If so, whether the whole quota of C. I. Sheets that was last allotted to Borpeta Subdivision was distributed in consultation with the Supply Advisory Board ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

(d) What are the names of the persons to whom C. I. Sheets were allotted without consulting the Supply Advisory Board ?

(e) Whether Government propose to stop such practice in future ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

157. (a) to (e)—Information has been called for.

Enforcement of the 20 schemes under National Water Supply and Sanitation

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur) asked :

158. Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government has taken some 20 schemes under National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme in various rural centres of the State ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that thickly populated rural centres of North Lakhimpur like Dhalpur, Narayanpur, Nawboisha, Pani-goan, Kadam and Bordoloni have been suffering from want of good drinking water since a long time ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take up Schemes for Water Supply and Sanitation in those areas of North Lakhimpur and also in some important centres of Tezpur subdivision ?

(d) How many of these schemes are successful up till now and what are those schemes and how many of them are likely to be successful ?

(e) What is the cost of each completed project and how many villages each project is serving ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

158. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Though Government have no specific information there may be scarcity of good drinking water in those places as in all other places of the State. As funds and staff for execution of the schemes are limited, preference have been given to those areas where there is scarcity and prevalence of water borne-diseases according to the statistics of Medical Department.

(c)—Yes. Schemes would be taken up gradually in the Third and Fourth Five Year Plan periods.

(d)—Schemes taken up so far, *viz.*, (1) Cherrapunjee, (2) Bokajan Community Area, (3) Hajo-Rangia-Tamolpur Area, (4) Bhoi Area, (5) Lanka-Kaki Area, (6) Patharkandi Area, (7) Dudhnoi-Resu-Belpara Areas have been found to be successful and all 20 schemes proposed to be completed during the Second Plan are expected to be successful.

(e)—None of the schemes has yet been fully completed, so the correct informations can not be furnished immediately.

Supply of Medicine and Beds to the T. B. Hospital of Dhubri

Shri TAMIJUDDIN PRODHANI (Dhubri) asked :

159. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many beds are there in the Dhubri T. B. Hospital ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that number of beds there, is insufficient to meet the present requirements ?

(c) The average number of indoor and outdoor patients of the Dhubri T. B. Hospital during the last one year ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that some times the Dhubri T. B. Hospital goes without medicines for which the patients suffer ?

- (e) If so, whether Government propose to take immediate steps to improve the condition of the Hospital at an early date ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

159. (a)—24 beds.

(b)—Yes. A proposal for construction of additional 12 beds in the Dhubri Chest Hospital is under consideration of Government.

(c)—Information being collected.

(d)—Government have no information.

(e)—Does not arise.

**“Prevention of Food Adulteration Act of 1954”
its application**

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

160. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether according to the new ‘Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954’, all dealers are to obtain License for selling Mustard Oil, Ghee, Dry milk or any product from milk, etc. ?

(b) If so, why dealers of above food stuff are found to sell the commodities without necessary license ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Assam is the lowest in the list in detecting adulterated food ?

(d) If so, why ?

(e) How many cases of adulterated food have been detected and offenders convicted in the State from the time of the enforcement of the said Act ?

(f) What is the figure of conviction in different districts of the State ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

160. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government have no information to that effect. Local Authorities are the Licensing Authority in their respective jurisdiction.

(c)—Though the number of samples received for analysis is not large in comparison with other States, percentage of adulteration detected is considerable.

(d)—Does not arise in view of (c).

(e)—The number of adulterated food detected are as follows:

Samples		Adulteration		
1955	...	...	646	48 per cent
1956	...	...	629	47.2 „
1957	...	...	600	52.8 „

The number of offenders convicted are being obtained from the districts.

(f)—The information are being collected.

Number of T. B. Clinics and patient treated in the State

Shrimati JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

161. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many T. B. Clinics have been opened in the state and where and what are the number of patients treated in them since inception?

(b) Whether all the clinics have indoor patients?

(c) If not whether Government propose to have attached hospital there?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

161. (a) Seven T. B. Clinics have been opened at Barpeta, North Lakhimpur, Nowgong, Jorhat, Dhubri, Tezpur, and Silchar.

The number of patients treated in each of the clinics are not readily available. The information is being collected.

(b)—There are indoor beds in all the clinics except at Jorhat.

(c)—Yes.

Goitre Hospital at Gauripur—its construction

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked:

162. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) When the Goitre Hospital was started at Gauripur?

(b) How many patients were treated since then?

(c) Whether any survey of Goitre cases has been made?

(d) If so, what is the figure of such cases?

(e) Whether any Medical Officer was posted in-charge of the Hospital and if so, when?

(f) When the construction of the Hospital building will commence?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

162. (a)—No Hospital has been opened nor contemplated. A Goitre Unit has to be started as per direction of the Central Government this being a centrally sponsored scheme.

(b)—Non-functions of a Goitre Unit are—

(1) Survey.

(2) Delimit of goitre endemicity.

(3) Later this area is to be provided with iodised salt.

(c)—No. To be undertaken by the Goitre Unit.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Yes. Since 2nd May, 1958 for preliminary survey work.

(f)—Shortly.

**Qualification of the Doctor-in-charge of Mainamata
Leprosy Dispensary in Barpeta**

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

163. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Who is the Doctor-in-charge of Mainamata Leprosy dispensary in the Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) What is his qualification ?

(c) Whether he is a registered Doctor ?

(d) If not, on what basis he was appointed superseding the claims of other qualified, experienced and senior registered Doctors ?

(e) From which institution he had passed out and at what date and year ?

(f) Whether the institution is recognised by the Assam Government or by the Indian Union ?

(g) If the answer to (c) and (f) are in the negative whether Government propose to take step against such illegal appointment ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

163. (a) to (g)—The information is being collected.

Scarcity area in Nowgong and its distressed people—its remedy

Md. NURUL ISLAM (Dhing) asked:

164. Will the Minister-in-charge of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the district of Nowgong is a scarcity area and the distressed people of the district have nothing to live upon and also no capacity to buy articles of food?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that on account of heavy rain in the early part of the season, this year in the district of Nowgong, the Jute crops in most parts of the district was damaged and that in the later part of the season on account of the drought and rice bugs there was large scale damage to ahu crops?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that in almost all the villages in the district of Nowgong the distressed people are going without regular food and consequently suffer from various diseases?
- (d) If so, what measures Government is going to take to save the people from disease and threatened starvation?
- (e) What precautionary measures Government is going to take in respect of growing sali crops from being damaged by rice bugs and drought?
- (f) Whether Government has got adequate means to feed all the fields with water at times of failure of rain and drought?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied:

164. (a)—Government is aware that the food situation in the district of Nowgong is not satisfactory.

(b)—Reports have been received that jute crop in certain mouzas in Nowgong district was submerged under water due to heavy rain. Ahu paddy was also damaged in certain areas to a certain extent due to drought and rice bugs.

(c)—Detailed information is being collected. Government is aware of distress in some places.

(d)—Even otherwise, Government are maintaining an adequate stock of foodstuff in the district in view of unsatisfactory food situation prevailing there. Foodstuff such as rice and atta are supplied to the people at subsidised prices through Fair Price shops.

(e)—All possible steps are being taken to combat eventualities.

(f)—No.

Conversion of Jhanji High English School to Multi-purpose School

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

165. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have received petitions from the public of Jhanji and Managing Committee of Jhanji High English School in Sibsagar Sub-division to convert it to a multi-purpose school?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to consider the prayer of the public of Jhanji?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

165. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Irregularity in getting pay of school teachers of Gauhati School Board

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

166. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the teachers of some School Boards, particularly in Gauhati School Board, are getting their salary very irregularly in spite of Government

assurance to set the things right and that also in payment of non-recurring and other grants to Schools, they are greatly harassed as they are required to travel to School Board Office at Gauhati from a long distance several times to draw one grant ?

(b) Whether Government propose to take necessary measures for regular payment of salary to the teachers of the Schools henceforth ?

(c) Whether Government will devise ways and means so that one School is not required to visit Gauhati School Board Office several times for payment of the same grant ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

166. (a)—Teachers are getting pay regularly now a days in fixed dates. In Gauhati also the teachers are getting pay regularly.

No harassment is made in paying non-recurring grants. If the Plan and Estimates and Utilisation certificates, etc., are not properly submitted there is naturally some delay.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply in (a).

Difference between salaries of Middle Vernacular School teacher and Primary School teachers

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

167. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that untrained teachers of Middle Vernacular School are getting less salary than the teachers of the Primary Schools with same qualifications ?

- (b) Whether Government will remove the grievances of untrained teachers of Middle Vernacular Schools by bringing their salary to the same standard with that of the teachers of Primary Schools with same qualifications ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

167. (a) & (b)—No. If there is any individual grievance it will be looked into.

Encroachment of Sorbhog Beel Area

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

168. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue (General) be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total area of the Sorbhog Beel ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that there has been encroachment of the Sorbhog Beel area ?
- (c) If so, why it has not been prevented ?
- (d) Why no demarcation line surrounding the Beel has been given by the Revenue Department ?
- (e) Whether pillar poster will be given around the Beel so that there cannot be any encroachment ?
- (f) Whether Government will take over this Beel as a Government fishery ?
- (g) If so, when ?
- (h) Whether this Beel will be reclaimed ?
- (i) If so, how much money has been provided for this purpose ?
- (j) Whether the Revenue Department has handed over this Beel to the Department of Fishery ?

- (k) If not, why not ?
- (l) Whether representation has been given to that effect ?
- (m) Whether pattas have been given to persons within the Beel area ?
- (n) What are the names of the Sub-Deputy Collectors who issued pattas within the Beel area ?
- (o) Whether they have any particular interest in issuing the pattas ?
- (p) Whether there are water-hyacinths ?
- (q) Whether they will be cleared ?
- (r) If so, when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

168. (a)—348B, 4K, 6L.

(b) & (c)—Periodic pattas for 34B, 0K, 18L and annual pattas for 80B, 3K, 18L, were issued for want of proper demarcation. The annual pattas have since been cancelled.

(d)—This will be done in the course of general resettlement operations of the Subdivision.

(e)—There is no proposal to put pillars for the present.

(f)—It is already a Government fishery.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h) & (i)—The proposal is under consideration of the Fishery Department.

(j)—Not yet.

(k)—The Fishery Department has not yet finalised the proposal.

(l)—Yes.

(m)—Yes.

(n)—Shri J. N. Das.

Shri A. K. S. Haque.

(o)—They have no particular interest.

(p)—Yes.

(q)—It is the duty of the lessee to keep the fishery clear of water-hyacinth.

(r)—Does not arise in view of reply (q) above.

Erosion of certain Tea Gardens in Assam

Shrimati LILY SENGUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

169. Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) The total area of land and number of tea bushes that have been eroded of the following Tea Gardens from 1950 to 1958—

(i) Methola Tea Estate.

(ii) Nagaghoolie Tea Estate and

(iii) Oakland Tea Estate ?

(b) What is the total amount of loss incurred by the above gardens due to erosion ?

(c) Whether the labourers have been affected due to the loss incurred by these Tea Gardens ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PROSAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour, etc.) replied:

169. (a), (b) & (c)—Informations are being collected.

Representation of protest from Dibrugarh Circle Cha Mazdoor Sangha

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA asked:

170. Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government lately received any representation of protest from the Dibrugarh Circle Chah Mazdoor Sangha regarding the repression of Management of Tamulbari Tea Estate over the labourers ?

- (b) If so, whether Government made any enquiry about it ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the labourers who helped in finding these posts are being harassed constantly by the Management ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PROSAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied:

170. (a)—Government received a copy of the representation made to Labour Officer, Dibrugarh on 16th August, 1958.

(b) & (c)—The matter is being enquired into.

Procedure to be followed in granting Post Graduate Merit Scholarships

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

171. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) What is the normal procedure followed in granting Post Graduate Merit Scholarships ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that Kumari Sunanda Datta who stood second in English Honours in Gauhati University in 1957 was deprived of her legitimate claim of a Merit Scholarship and if so, why ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that Shriman Pravas Ranjan Bhattacharjee who passed the Matriculation Examination of the Gauhati University from Lumding Railway High School standing fourth in order of merit in 1956 has been deprived of a Merit Scholarship due to his D. P. status ?

(d) What steps Government propose to take to make amend in view of a decision of the Gauhati High Court, that such discriminations are unconstitutional ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

171. (a)—The Post Graduate scholarships are awarded to the meritorious and deserving students after previous advertisement and on applications.

(b)—She did not apply.

(c)—This is not a fact.

There was no student by this name who stood fourth in the Matriculation Examination, in 1956.

(d)—Scholarship being awarded on basis of Merit regardless of domiciliary qualification, this does not arise.

Pay scales of Government Middle Vernacular and Aided Middle Vernacular Schools

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

172. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the pay scales of the Government Middle Vernacular and Aided Middle Vernacular Schools are similar?

(b) If not, whether they will be equalised?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

172. (a)—Yes, the same.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Fencing posts of certain Tea Gardens in Dibrugarh Circle

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

173. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that in the year 1956-57 in Dibrugarh Circle fencing posts of many tea gardens were stolen?

(b) Whether the police of Dibrugarh could trace out these posts?

(c) If not, why not?

(d) What action has been taken by Government to find out these posts?

(e) Whether it is a fact that on 13th November 1957, the Dibrugarh Police with the help of the President, Dibrugarh Circle Chah Mazdoor Sangha, traced out 441 number of posts from the factory compound of Tamulbari Tea Estate and just by the side of the Factory house?

(f) Whether it is fact that the posts were found buried by the side of the Factory?

(g) Whether the Dibrugarh Police took any action against the Management of the Tea Garden for finding these posts buried by the side of Factory house?

(h) If not, why not?

(i) Whether Government had taken any action against the Management of the Company for this finding of posts in buried condition within Factory compound?

(j) Where are those recovered posts at present?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied:

173. (a) to (j)—Information has been called for.

Erosion and its prevention of Dekhow river

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)
asked:

174. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of the fact that the erosion of Dekhow river is badly affecting the left bund in between 5/6 and 7/8 miles.

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take immediate steps to improve the protective measures?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, Public Works Department) replied:

174. (a)—Yes, the Dekhow river has been eroding its left bank more or less, at places between mile 1st and 18th of its left bund including 6th and 8th miles.

(b)—No. Erosion being of mild nature, anti-erosion measures by means of A-type bamboo spurs, floating bamboo cages, tree spurs and tree skins have been taken at required places and retirements are being constructed where the situation demands so. Protection works of a more permanent nature are not called for at this stage. There is no provision for this in the Second Five Year Plan. Besides, these costly works are not justified by the value of the properties sought to be protected.

Public Works Department road within Sorbhog Town

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

175. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Public Works Department roads within Sorbhog town are being neglected absolutely ?
- (b) If so, what is the reason ?
- (c) When were those roads last repaired ?
- (d) Whether they will be repaired again ?
- (e) If so, when ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the drains and ditches near the Public Works Department roads are in very unsanitary conditions ?
- (g) If so, what is the reason ?
- (h) Whether they will be improved ?
- (i) Whether any high Public Works Department Officer ever inspected them ?
- (j) If so, when and by whom ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

175. (a) to (j)—Informations are being collected.

**Earthwork proposed for the Kakapathar-Maithong Road
and the progress of the Works**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

176. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) The total earthwork proposed for the Kakapathar-Maithong road within Doom Dooma Public Works Department Subdivision ?

(b) The total earthwork that has been done up till there ?

(c) What was the proposed height of the road at Chengelipathar and Maithong Pathar ?

(d) What is the actual height, of the road raised by the contractors ?

(e) What were the sizes, *i.e.*, height, length and breadth of the culvert and bridges in this road according to the specifications ?

(f) What are that sizes, *i.e.*, height, length and breadth of the culverts and bridges actually done by the contractors there ?

(g) Whether the Minister-in-charge or the Deputy Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department propose to visit this road personally with specifications and measurement books and make a physical verification ?

(h) If so, whether the President, Kakapathar Rural Panchayat, Local leading persons and the local Member of Legislative Assembly will also be allowed to point out to the Minister or the Deputy Minister on the spot the actual work done comparing with the specifications ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department, replied :

176. (a) to (h)—Information has been called for. Yes, when they project any tour to that area.

Temporary relief given to the poor cultivators in Barpeta Subdivision

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

177. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any temporary relief has been given to the poor cultivators whose harvests were destroyed by the recent pest havoc (Gandhi poke) in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) If so, in what way and on what basis ?
- (c) How many acres of Ahu paddy have been destroyed by those pests in the State of Assam (Information to be given subdivisional-wise) ?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied :

177. (a)—Relief measures have already been taken by the Revenue Department.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Barpeta Subdivision	...	...	5,000	acres
Gauhati	,,	...	10,000	,,
Mangaldai	,,	...	3,730	,,
Nowgong	,,	...	13,700	,,
Goalpara	,,	...	2,630	,,
Total	...	...	35,060	,,

Total area of crops infected by bug pestilence in the State

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lunding) asked:

178. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) What is the estimated total area of crops infected by bug pestilence in the State in the current year ?

(b) What is the estimated total area of crops infected in the district of Nowgong ?

(c) What is the area where aerial spray of insecticide was adopted by the Government ?

(d) What is the estimated total area of crops saved from the pestilence by this method and what would be the estimated outturn of crops thereby ?

(e) What is the cost of medicine used in such operation ?

(f) What is the cost of hire of the plane used ?

(g) Where and upto what date this operation was made and continued and what is the total cost of the operation inclusive of all expenditure including Travelling Allowance and labour charges, etc. ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the operation was started when the bug have already committed the mischief ?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied:

178. (a)—About 35,060 acres.

(b)—About 13,700 acres.

(c)—About 600 acres.

(d)—About 600 acres by aerial spraying. Outturn will be about 9,000 mds.

(e)—The cost has not yet been calculated as information required have not yet been received from Government of India.

(f)—Information awaited from Government of India.

(g)—From 5th to 8th July, 1958 in Hajo area. The cost of the operation has not yet been calculated as stated at (e) above.

(h)—No.

Encroachment on Grazing Reserve, Dag No.541 in Barpathar-Konwarpurgaon in Jamira Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked:

179. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the proprietor of Behiating Tea Estate encroached three different portions of Grazing Reserve on Dag No.541 in Barpathar-Konwargaon in Jamira Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the public complained against these encroachment to the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur on 4th January 1954 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the then Deputy Commissioner ordered the Sub-Deputy Collector of Dibrugarh Western Circle on 5th January 1954, to report with encroachment case by 21st January 1954 ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that this encroachment case is pending since then and the encroachers, who is a Tea Planter is encroaching the Village Grazing reserve without any interference from the Government officials ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that a portion of this Grazing Reserve was used by the villagers as burial ground ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the burial ground was destroyed by this Tea Planter and certain dead bodies were dug out while the ground was levelled ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the public protested this and there was fear of breach of peace in the locality and police outpost was hurriedly sanctioned there to suppress any probable lawlessness ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the Police outpost was stationed in a house situated on Dag No.734, belonging to this encroacher ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that probable lawlessness on the part of the villagers has been suppressed by Government by posting police personnel to this police outpost situated in a house belonging to him while no action is being taken on the breach of law committed by the Tea planter by encroaching Village Grazing Reserve and digging out graves ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that this encroachment and lawlessness on the part of this Tea Planter was referred to the Government at Shillong and the then Assistant Director of Land Record II, Shri U. C. Deka visited the spot on 24th June 1955 ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that the President, Jamira Mauza Congress Committee wrote to the Additional Director of Land Records, Shillong on 21st February 1956 drawing a reference to his visit at the spot of the Grazing Reserve on 24th June 1955 ?
- (l) Whether Government is aware that the letter, dated 21st February 1956 from the President Jamira Mauza Congress Committee was registered letter and it was accepted in the office of the Director of Land Records, Shillong, on 25th February 1956 by signing the acknowledgment due ?

- (m) Whether Government is aware that after opening the letter, the cover was closed and returned to the addressee with the remarks on it "There is no Assistant Director of Land Records II Refused" ?
- (n) Whether it is a fact that the President, Jamira Mauza Congress Committee wrote to the Minister-in-charge of Revenue on 2nd April 1956 pointing out the encroachment and the altitude of the officials ?
- (o) Whether it is a fact that the President, Jamira Mauza Congress Committee wrote to the Revenue Minister on 10th September 1957 pointing out everything regarding the encroachment of the Grazing ?
- (p) Whether it is a fact that no action has yet been taken on the representations addressed to the Revenue Minister ?
- (q) Whether Government propose to evict this encroacher from village Grazing reserve No. 541 in Barpathar Konwar Gaon ?
- (r) If so, when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

179. (a) to (r)—Report has been called for from the local officer.

Allotment of trees to the persons and institutions in the district, Nowgong

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

180. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the number of trees allotted to different persons or institutions from forests during the years 1955-56, 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59 up to the end of June 1958 in the district of Nowgong either on payment of royalty or free of royalty ?

- (b) What is the criterion for issuing such permits and what is the procedure adopted in issuing permits ?
- (c) Whether all the trees as at (a) above have been cut and removed by the allottees ?
- (d) Whether Government have ever cared to receive utility certificate from the allottees and if so, how many of them have furnished the same ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

180. (a) to (d)—Information is being called for, and will be furnished when ready.

Name of persons to whom Lands have been allotted for residential and commercial purposes in Barpeta Road town

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

181. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue (Settlement) be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of the persons to whom the lands have been allotted for residential and commercial purposes in the category of Class I, II and III in the Barpeta Roads Town Planning since 1953 to 1958 ?
- (b) The Dag number of block or blocks against the name of each person ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that many of the lands were sold by the allottees ?
- (d) If so, to whom the lands were sold and at what amount ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

181. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for from the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta.

Eviction of cultivators from their lands in Longchual village in Lahoal Mauza, Dibrugarh by the Proprietor of Moderkhat Tea Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

182. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri N. Chakravarty, Proprietor of Moderkhat Tea Company evicted cultivators from their lands comprising about 200 bighas of land covered by Dag Nos. 367, 502, 503, 514, 387, 504, 505, 321, 322, 323, 310 and others in Longchual village in Lahoal Mauza, Dibrugarh ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the then Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh Mr. F.A.S. Thonson, issued standing order on 31st July 1926 that any mutation filed by Shri N. S. Chakravarty would be rejected ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to give protection to these cultivators by evicting the Tea Planter who have occupied these lands forcefully ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

182. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for from the local officer.

Meeting to organize Rindan Samabai Samity at Kalponi Bazar

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

183. Will the Minister of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a meeting was held on 22nd July, 1958 at Kalponi Bazar to organise a Rindan Samabai Samity ?
- (b) If so whether it is a fact that local M.L.As., the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Barpeta Road and the Project Officer, Gobardhana N. E. S. Block were present in the meeting ?

- (c) Who presided over the meeting ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the said meeting decided to organise Rindan Samabai Samity under the name and style of 'Gobardhana Rindan Samabai Samity' with its headquarters at Kalponi Bazar ?
- (e) If so, whether it was approved by the D.C.O., Barpeta Road and Project Officer ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the President of Barpeta D.C.C. in a letter to Government requested the Department concerned not to register the society because the meeting was presided over by a member of the Assembly belonging to an opposition group ?
- (g) What are the contents of the letter of the President, D.C.C., Barpeta, registering the Department concerned not to register the Co-operative Society ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to make an enquiry and register the above society immediately ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

183. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The information is not available. It appears that the D.C.O., Barpeta Road organised the proposed Gobardhana Rindan Samabai Samity. There was a difference of opinion about the location of the Registered office of the society. But the majority were in favour of Kalpani.

(c)—The information is not available.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—This information is not available.

(f)—Shri Akshay Kumar Das, *Ex-M.L.A.*, complained about the organisation to Government. He did not ask for non-registration on the ground alleged in the question. His letter has been sent for enquiry and report by the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Gauhati. A preliminary report has been received stating that the plan for registered office, *viz.*, Kalpani is not suitable as it is not centrally situated. A detailed report on other points has been called for.

(g)—The letter has been sent to the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Gauhati for his report as mentioned above at (f).

(h)—Enquiry is being made and action will be taken on the light of the findings.

Construction of Sorbhog-Kahitoma Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

184. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (R & B) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether construction of the Sorbhog-Kahitoma Road has been completed ?

(b) If not, why not ?

(c) Why there has been no earth work beyond Niz Dakua up to Kahitoma forest office ?

(d) When this portion will be completed ?

(e) Why no gravelling has been done from Unneguri to Kahitoma ?

(f) When this will be done ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the road is full of jungles ?

(h) If so, why no step has been taken up till now by Government to clear them ?

(i) Whether the E. E., P.W.D., Barpeta, S.E., P.W.D., Gauhati ever visited that road upto Kahitoma from Unneguri P.W.D. Ghat ?

(j) If not, why not ?

(k) Whether it is because they cannot take jeeps there ?

(l) Whether they will see the actual condition of the road upto Kahitoma by walking ?

(m) Why the Unneguri and Chakrungbari P. W. D. Ghats have not been maintained properly ?

(n) Whether it is a fact that no labourers have been provided to these Ghats for constructing charge of Ghats every now and then ?

(o) If so, whether labourers will be provided to those Ghats ?

(p) Whether marboats have been provided to these Ghats ?

(q) If so, why they have not been plied ?

(r) Whether Government are aware of the public feeling that this road has been neglected on the ground that it is situated in a tribal area ?

(s) Whether the bridges necessary for this road will be completed ?

(t) If so, when ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

184. (a)—No.

(b)—The work is in progress according to planned programme and availability of fund. The road will be completed by the end of the 2nd Plan period.

(c)—This portion of the road could not be covered within the sanctioned estimate due to paucity of fund.

(d)—Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e)—There is no provision of gravelling under the present estimate. This is due to paucity of fund.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—The road is not actually full of jungles ; but it has not yet been negotiated by regular and sufficient traffic, growth of grass and shrubs does generally takes place during the rainy season. These are cleared from time to time, to avoid any difficulty to the public using the road.

(h)—Please refer to (g) above.

(i) & (j)—No ; as there was no work in progress in that section of the road, during 1957-58.

(k)—No ; please refer to (i) & (j) above.

(l)—Yes ; they have been instructed about this.

(m)—The Unneguri (Burikamar P.W.D.) ghat is being properly maintained. There is no such ghat as Chakrungbari. The hon. Member perhaps means the Ultekhanda ghat across Hakua. This is also being maintained properly as per provisions in the estimate.

(n) & (o)—Labourers are engaged as and when found necessary for maintenance of the ghat approaches. The volume of traffic does not justify maintaining a permanent gang of labourers for these ghats.

(p) & (q)—Yes at Unneguri. But plying of the marboat depends on (1) Volume of traffic, (2) depth of water in the river and (3) intensity of current of the stream.

(r)—The Government have no such informations and in fact, the question of neglecting the road does not arise from any point of view.

(s) & (t)—Yes, as per sanctioned estimate. The bridges will be completed within the Plan period and actual execution of work will be taken up within the current year.

**Purchase of annual lands in the villages of Barsula
Mauza in Tezpur immigrants by East Bengal
immigrants**

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

185. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that vast area of annual lands included in Barbhagia, Fata Simalu, Biskuti and other villages of Barsala Mauza in Tezpur immigrants has lately been purchased by East Bengal immigrants from the land speculators and occupied the same ?

(b) What steps have been taken by Government for the eviction of the illegal purchasers who have occupied the land ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that attempts have been made by these immigrants to get settlement of the annual lands purchased by them illegally ?

(d) What principle is being followed by Government in this regard ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

185. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for from the local officer.

Area of Na-Sadiya where tube wells are installed

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

186. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1018 asked by the Questioner in the Assembly on the 2nd May, 1958 and state—

(a) What is the approximate area of Na-Sadiya where 23 tube wells were installed ?

(b) Whether Government would lay on the table a list showing the location of these tube wells ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

186. (a) & (b)—The details are being collected from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Money sanctioned to the victims of storm in the State

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

187. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any money has lately been sanctioned to every individual victims of storm in the State for repair of their houses ?

(b) If so, what is the amount sanctioned (i) in the whole of the State (ii) in Kamrup District and (iii) in Rampur Mauza ?

(c) Who prepared the list of such people ?

(d) Who are the people who have been given such money in Rampur Mouza ?

(e) Who prepared the list for Rampur Mauza ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :
187. (a) to (e)—The informations are being collected.

Field mutation in the Silchar Subdivision

Shri TAJAMMUL ALI BARLASKAR (Udarband)
asked :

188. Will the Minister-in-charge of Land Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether field mutations are done by Sub-Deputy Collectors without written consent of the parties ?
- (b) What is the number of cases of objections against such mutations during the last three years in the Silchar Subdivision ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that most of the mutation cases immerge out of faulty process of mutations by Patwaris and Sub-Deputy Collectors ?
- (d) Whether Government proposes to formulate such rules of mutation that no civil suit arises may after a mutation is done once ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

188. (a)—(d)—Information has been called for from the local officer.

Allotment of cultivable land under Baghbar Circle in the Barpeta Subdivision

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

189. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that cultivable land under Baghbar Circle, Barpeta Subdivision had been allotted in the name of some ladies within the period of 1956-58 ?
- (b) If so, how many of them had been allotted land ?
- (c) Whether double allotment has been made to person ?

(d) Who was the Sub-Deputy Collector within that period ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that there have been some cases of murder due to such double allotment ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

189. (a)—(e)—Information has been called for from the local officer.

Senior Readers in the Shillong Government Press

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

190. Will the Minister-in-charge of Printing be pleased to state—

(a) How many Senior Readers are there at present in the Government Press at Shillong ?

(b) How many of them are confirmed and who are they ?

(c) Whether all the non-confirmed Senior Readers are going to be confirmed within this year ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Printing and Stationery) replied :

190. (a)—Seven.

(b)—Six senior Readers have been confirmed. They are—

(1) Shri Nazmal Hussain.

(2) Shri Jiban Kr. Das.

(3) Shri Aswini Kr. Purkayastha.

(4) Shri Safiquddin Ahmed.

(5) Shri Surendra Nath Chawdhury.

(6) Shri Raisuddin Ahmed.

(e) & (d)—Question of confirmation of officiating incumbents will arise when there will be permanent vacancies.

Bridges on the North Gauhati-Mandakata and Loch-Balikuchi-Jatiabhangara-Chirakhundi Roads

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

191. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state how long the Department will take to complete the bridges on North Gauhati-Mandakata Road and Loch-Balikuchi-Jatiabhangara-Chirakhundi Roads ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B. Wing)] replied :

191.—Information has been called for.

Charges paid to the contractor for carrying Public Works Department Cement

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-Wast) asked :

192. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B. Wing) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that lately a contract was given to one B. L. Jain of Nalbari by the Public Works Department to carry about 2760 bags of cement belonging to Public Works Department from Nalbari Railway Station to the Basic College building, Nalbari ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the distance covered by the road from Nalbari Railway Station to the said College building, is less than one and a half miles ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the bill amounting to Rs.1,628 for the above work has finally been paid up by the Department of Public Works Department, North Kamrup Division ?

- (d) Is it a fact that the distance is less than one and a half miles from Nalbari Railway Station to Basic College ? Whether it is a fact that the bill has been paid up for a distance of 3 miles whereas the distance is less than one and a half miles ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the sanctioned Officer, reported the distance as more than 2 miles and that the bags of cements were unloaded behind the platform and carried through N. D. Road ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that the distance from the front platform is much less than that from the behind the platform *via* N. D. Road ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the bags of cement were carried from the front side of the platform ?
- (h) If so, whether Government propose to enquire into the matter and take necessary steps ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

192. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) & (h)—Information have been called for.

**“Contract Documents” for the construction of
Barpeta Executive Engineer’s Office
buildings.**

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

193. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that for Government contract work “contract documents” are to be prepared ?
- (b) If so, whether any “contract document” was prepared for construction of Barpeta Executive Engineer’s Office building before it was given out on contract ?

- (c) When such documents were prepared and approved by the Superintending Engineer and when the said work was started ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the work was started before such "contract document" were prepared and approved ?
- (e) When the contract documents were made over to the contractor ?
- (f) When the completion report of the building was submitted ?
- (g) Whether there was any report of bad work done by the contractor in the above building made by any officer-in-charge of the work during the progress of work ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that cracks were found in the R. C. C. posts of the building after the completion report was submitted ?
- (i) If so, who is responsible under paragraph 280 and 282 of Assam Public Works Department Code for such defective work ?
- (k) What will be the approximate cost for repairing of the cracks and by whom the costs are to be borne ?
- (l) Whether formal tender for the said work was executed in standard F-2 Form (Printed or typed) ?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that the said work during its execution was cancelled and if so why and by whom the rest of the work was subsequently completed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

193. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c) & (d)—Informations have been called for.

(e)—Contract documents are not made over to Contractors.

(f)—The completion report has not yet been received.

(g)—No such report has been received so far in this Office.

(h), (i), (k), (l) & (m)—Informations have been called for.

Defects at the newly constructed buildings of the Assam Medical College

Shri INDRESWAR KHAUND (Bogdung) asked :

194. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether certain defects have been detected recently in some newly constructed buildings of the Assam Medical College at Barbari, Dibrugarh ?

(b) What are the defects ?

(c) Whether certain contractors have been suspended for the same and if so who are they ?

(d) Whether those contractors have been black-listed ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the then Executive Engineer was not responsible for those defects ?

(f) If not, what action is being taken against him ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

194.(a)—Yes, in one building, *viz.*, the Union Hall.

(b)—The concrete works were not found to be upto the specified strength.

(c), (d), (e) & (f)—The matter is still under enquiry.

Amount of money spent in the construction of Hansora-Doom-Dooma road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

195. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of money spent so far for the new road from Hansora to Doom-Dooma since this project was taken up after the great earthquake of 1950 ?

- (b) Whether he would lay on the table the amount of bills paid year by year stating the nature of work executed ?
- (c) Who were the contractors and whether all these contracts were settled after calling for due tenders ?
- (d) What is the length, breadth and height of this road at present ?
- (e) What was the length and height of this road according to the specifications ?
- (f) Whether any Engineer higher than the Executive Engineer inspected this project ?
- (g) Whether there has been any complaint of misuse of money here ?
- (h) Whether the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. or the Deputy Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. propose to visit this project personally in his next visit to Doom-Dooma ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied:

195.(a) to (g)—Information are being collected.

(h) —Yes, this will be taken into consideration when they propose any tour to that area.

Public Works Department Ghat on the Sorbhog-Kahitoma Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

196. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there are Public Works Department Ghats on the Sorbhog-Kahitoma Road ?
- (b) If so, what are their names ?
- (c) Why they are not maintained properly ?

- (d) Whether any Muharirs or Labourers have been appointed for the purpose ?
- (e) If so, what are their names and how many of them ?
- (f) Why the Public Works Department Marboats are not plied to those Ghats ?
- (g) Whether cold weather bridges will be constructed at those Ghats during the next rainy season ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

196. (a)—Yes. There are two ghats.

(b)—One is Burikamarghat (Unnegurighat) over the river Naljara and the other is Ultekhanda over the river Hakua.

(c)—They are maintained according to necessity.

(d) & (e)—No regular Muharir or Labourers are appointed for maintenance but the Muharir-in-charge of the road and the road maintenance gang attend to the ghats.

(f)—At Burikamar (Unneguri) a marboat has been provided. But due to shallow water and strong current the marboat could not be plied. At Ultekhanda no marboat has been provided due to above reasons. Providing marboats will however be considered if and when condition of the rivers permit.

(g)—No temporary bridge during rainy season could stand the floods, these being hill streams.

Damage of Ahu Crops by insects in the State

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

197. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there was any damage of Ahu crops by insects in the State of Assam during this year ?

(b) If so, what are the main areas affected thereby (Information to be given circle-wise) ?

(c) Why adequate preventive measure was not taken to save the crops ?

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied :

197. (a)—Yes.

(b)—About 35,060 acres. Circle-wise figures are being collected.

(c)—All possible steps were taken as soon as report of attack was received by the District Agricultural Staff.

Cattle epidemic in Dhubri, Golokganj areas

Shri PRAKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) asked :

198. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that there were lately cattle epidemic within the jurisdiction of the Dhubri, Golokganj and two thanas as also within Bilasipara thanas which caused cattle mortality specially ploughing cattle ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to help the agriculturist so that the "Rupit" crop may not be affected ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge of Veterinary) replied :

198. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. Government have sanctioned cattle loan as in the list below.

CATTLE LOAN ISSUED DURING 1958-59

						Rs.
(1) Dibrugarh	...	...	...	...	...	2,00,000
(2) North Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	5,000
(3) Tezpur	...	...	...	...	...	10,000

						Rs.
(4) Mangaldai	...	...	...	...	..	5,000
(5) Jorhat	...	...	..	...	...	75,000
(6) Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	...	1,50,000
(7) Golaghat	..	...	...	...	...	50,000
(8) Nowgong	...	...	...	...	..	1,00,000
(9) Gauhati	...	...	...	..	...	60,000
(10) Barpeta	...	...	...	...	...	30,000
(11) Dhubri	...	...	...	...	...	50,000
(12) Goalpara	...	...	...	...	...	85,000
(13) Kokrajhar	...	...	...	...	...	30,000
(14) Silchar	..	...	...	...	...	1,50,000
(15) Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	...	5,000
(16) Karimganj	...	...	...	..	...	5,000
Total					..	<u>10,10,000</u>

Condition of North Trunk Road near the Kakoi bridge

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked :

199. Will the Minister in-charge, Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the conditions of North Trunk Road near the Kakoi bridge ?
- (b) Whether Government had lately received any representation from local and other people regarding the inconvenience felt by people travelling by that road ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to unmindfulness of local Officers in the dry season, such conditions have been created in this one furlong road since the last three years ?

(d) Whether Government has any information that a guide bund of about two miles long on the east bank of Kakoi will be required to protect this portion of the road ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Public Works Department (R. & B.) is putting the blame on Flood Control and Embankment and Drainage Wing for not constructing this small Bund which is practically required for saving the North Trunk road and the Kakoi bridge on it ?

(f) Whether Government will take necessary steps at the beginning of the next dry season to make this one furlong road good and stable ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

199. (a) & (f)—Information is being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Payment of bill to Shri U.K. Chaudhury, Contractor for carriage of sand in Barpeta Chapakamar Road

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

200. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. & B. Wing) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri U. K. Chaudhury, Contractor for carriage of sand in 1951-52 in Barpeta-Chapakamar Road when it fell under the then Lower Assam Public Works Department Division, Gauhati has not yet been paid his bill inspite of repeated petitions and Pleader's notice ?

(b) If so, when Government propose to pay the bill of the Contractor ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

200. (a) & (b)—The bill for alleged collection and carriage of sand by the contractor was not accepted as the bill was not supported by recorded measurements. A notice under section 80 C. P. C. was received on 18th July 1958 and the whole case is now under examination of the Government's Legal Adviser.

Maintenance of Sorbhog-Kohitoma Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

201. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Sorbhog-Kohitoma Road has been maintained properly ?

(b) If not, what is the reason ?

(c) How many minor bridges will be required on the road?

(d) Why they have not been constructed as yet?

(e) What is the reason for neglecting this road?

(f) Whether cold water bridges will be constructed over the Hakua and Naljara Rivers at Unneguri and Hakua on the Sorbhog-Kohitoma road?

(g) If so, whether they will be constructed this year?

(h) Whether the Public Works Department Engineer, Superintending Engineer and Chief Engineer ever visited that road upto Kahitoma?

(i) If so, on what dates?

(j) Whether they visited that road on Jeep, bicycle or on foot ?

(k) Why the road has not yet been constructed upto Kahitoma yet ?

(l) When it will be completed?

(m) Whether marboats have been provided at the Ghats on that road ?

(n) Why the Ghats have not yet been maintained properly?

(o) Whether Government are aware of the public feeling that they have neglected the road because it goes through backward tribal areas?

(p) What is the length of the road?

(q) Whether it is possible to visit that road directly by car upto Kahitoma from Sorbhog?

(r) If not, when the road will be made motorable upto Kahitoma from Sorbhog?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

201. (a)—The road from Sorbhog to Burikamar is being maintained properly but the road from Kumargaon to Kahitoma is still under construction and only petty repairs are being carried out.

(b)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c)—Five minor bridges will be required for the portion from Kumargaon to Kahitoma. (Major bridges are not included in the estimate).

(d)—As per sanctioned estimate, the bridges will be completed within the plan period. Arrangements being made to start the construction of these bridges.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(f) & (g)—Single boat ferries are being maintained at Naljara and Hakua. Temporary bridges will not stand during flood in these hill streams.

(h)—No, as there was no work in progress in that section of the road during 1957-58.

(i) & (j)—Please refer to (h) above.

(k) & (l)—The portion beyond 4th mile of this road could not be covered within the sanctioned estimate due to paucity of funds. The work is in progress according to planned programme and availability of fund. The road will be completed within the Second Plan period.

(m)—Yes, at Unneguri. But plying of the marboat depends on (1) Volume of traffic, (2) Depth of water in the river and (3) intensity of current of the stream.

(n)—The Ghats are being properly maintained.

(o)—The Government have not got any complaints and in fact, the question of neglecting the road does not arise from any point of view.

(p)—The length of the road from Sorbhog to Burikamar is 4 miles and length taken for improvement from Burikamar end towards Kahitoma is 4 miles.

(q)—No, only up to Burikamar as the bridges beyond this point have not been constructed and Marboats cannot ply in these hill streams.

(r)—There is no provision of gravelling the road in the sanctioned estimate. Length of road taken up will be made motorable at the end of planned period.

Sorbhog-Kamargaon P. W.D. Road.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

202 Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Sorbhog-Kamargaon P. W. D. Road is maintained properly?

(b) If not, why not?

(c) When earth work on the above road last?

(d) Whether this road is being neglected absolutely?

(e) What is the height of this road within Subhenjani V. G. R. ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the roads full of stone and much inconvenience is experienced by these pedestrians.?

(g) If so, whether Government propose to do something in the matter ?

(h) If so, when ?

(i) Whether the Executive Engineer ever visited this road personally ?

(j) If so, when ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

202. (a) to (j)—Informations are being collected.

Tihu Solmara Road from Makhibaha to Tihu

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

203. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W. D. (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the portion of Makhibaha to Tihu of the Tihu Solmara Road is very badly damaged as the road is not repaired for the last several years after the road is taken over by the Public Works Department ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said portion of the road is not serviceable for the public due to mud and damaged condition ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the public lately gave representation to repair and to start earth work from Tihu to Makhibaha ?

(d) If so, why Government is not taking necessary steps to repair the road and to do the earth work ?

(e) Whether Government will do the earth work within the current year ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied:

203. (a) to (c)—Information are being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Tihu Feeder Road

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

204. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) Whether the Department is aware that the Minister of Cottage Industries Department had to cancel his recent tour programme of Tihu as the Tihu-Feeder Road was not serviceable for traffic?

(b) Whether it is a fact that complaints were made to Medical Minister of Assam, the former Education Minister, Shri K. P. Tripathy and the Agriculture Minister of Assam by the public of Tihu for not maintaining the Tihu Feeder Road for traffic and public service by the Department?

(c) If so, whether the Department was apprised to those contracts by the Ministers as stated at (b) above?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the public of Tihu approached the Medical Minister, Food and Agriculture Minister in their recent tour to Tihu for surfacing Tihu Feeder Road to facilitate trade and commerce?

(e) Whether Government propose to surface the same in the interest of the State?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

204. (a) to (e)—Information are being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

**Construction of a timber bridge on Diring river on
the Kumarikata Jalah Road in Dhamdhama
Subdivision**

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

205. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B. Wing.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Kabi Nath Bhuya of Nalbari informed the Executive Engineer, North Kamrup Division, Nalbari on 29th July 1958, that one Nagendra Das (Alias Nagaru) who had been allotted construction of a timber bridge (bridge No.15/3) on Diring river on the Kumarikata-Jalah Road in Dhamdhama Subdivision, had completed pile driving of the said bridge with some serious defects ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that complaint has been made that wrong marks have been given on the body of the piles, and these are not driven to a proper length ?

(c) If so, whether proper steps have been taken in time ?

(d) If so, what were the steps taken and when they were taken ?

(e) Whether any defects were found ?

(f) If so, whether Departmental proceedings have been drawn against the supervising staff ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R. and B. Wing)] replied:

205. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—On receipt of the complaint, the work has been stopped for necessary examination.

(d), (e) & (f)—The matter is under investigation and necessary steps will be taken in due course.

**Arrangement of seats in Transport: Dibrugarh to Gauhati
Down Express and Gauhati-Shillong**

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

206. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some passengers travelling by the Dibrugarh-Gauhati Down Express Bus Service booked their seats upto Shillong direct on 31st July, 1958, who were not given seats in the Gauhati Shillong buses ?
- (b) If the reply to (a) above be in the affirmative, why seats were not arranged for them in the Gauhati-Shillong buses ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that they informed the Transport Authority at Gauhati telephonically from Nowgong about the situation ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that these unfortunate passengers were carried by a special bus in the evening and were forced to get down at a distance of five miles up from Nongpoh at about 11-30 at night ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the empty bus was driven up to Shillong after leaving the passengers there ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the passengers had to undergo untold difficulties for no fault of theirs, and who is responsible for this ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that at dead of night two buses from either side ran to rescue these passengers, if so, why this double action was taken for the same work ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to enquire into the matter fully and take necessary action against those who are responsible for this ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

206. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Line Inspector who was to act as a guide to the passengers at Jorabat, arrived late that day and could not arrange accommodation in Gauhati-Shillong buses, although as many as 24 seats were sent vacant from Gauhati. Disciplinary actions are being taken against persons at fault.

(c)—Reports from the Station Superintendents, Gauhati and Nowgong have been called for.

(d), (e) and (f)—Yes. For this offence the driver has been placed under suspension and proceedings has been drawn against him.

(g)—Yes. As the telephone connections were out of orders both the Station Superintendents took actions individually.

(h)—Necessary action against those responsible has already been taken.

Closure of the State Transport Superintendent's Office at North Lakhimpur

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

207. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the State Transport Superintendent's Office at North Lakhimpur has been closed, if so, why ?

(b) Whether the closure will not affect the smooth running of the line to the detriment of public services as North Lakhimpur is an important terminus of North Trunk Road ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some important State Transport Stations at North Lakhimpur are going to be closed soon ?

- (d) Whether Government is aware that this bus line is the only means of communication for the people of the western part of the Subdivision to North Lakhimpur town and from places outside the Subdivision ?
- (e) Whether Government has received any information that in spite of the existence of Superintendent of State Transport at North Lakhimpur, the Subdivisional lines could not be run efficiently due to limited number of buses in running condition ?
- (f) Whether State Transport Superintendent at Tezpur will be able to maintain the whole bus system from Tezpur to North Lakhimpur a distance of about 137 miles ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that on a plea of less income in the line the stations are going to be closed along with the Superintendent's Office ? If so, whether Government propose to hold an enquiry into the plea which is not at all true ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to run the State Transport not for higher profits alone but for public utility also ? If so, will the Government propose to re-instate the Superintendent and re-open the two most necessary stations at Dhalpur and Soolanghat ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

207. (a)—Yes, for administrative facility, the Officer has been temporarily transferred and attached to the Divisional Office at Tezpur.

(b)—No. The traffic position do not justify posting of a Station Superintendent at North Lakhimpur. As such, an Assistant Station Superintendent is posted at North Lakhimpur to deal with traffic at North Lakhimpur Station.

(c)—No. There is no proposal for closing down any of the existing sub-stations.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No. There are adequate number of buses to meet the normal traffic demand.

(f)—There are four Assistant Station Superintendents, one at Tezpur, one at Rangapara, one at Biswanath-Charali and another at North Lakhimpur, besides Assistants in-charge at all the important sub-stations.

(g)—No. The question does not arise.

(h)—The question of posting of a Station Superintendent at North Lakhimpur Station will be considered after the rainy season is over.

Opening new stations at Dhalpur and Doolahat is under consideration of Government.

Shortage of State Transport buses in running condition in North Lakhimpur Subdivision

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked :

208. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that there is acute shortage of State Transport buses in running condition in North Lakhimpur Subdivision for which many people are often stranded in places like Dhalpur, Narayanpur, Bihpuria and have to incur heavy losses?

(b) Whether Government is unable to put more good buses there? If so, whether Government propose to place seats in private buses in short routes so that people may move easily from one place to another?

(c) Whether Government is in contemplation for opening of some new bus routes (for private buses) in the eastern part of the Subdivision within this year?

(d) Whether Government propose to open the following Bus Lines for private buses for the benefit of the people—

1. Dhunabari-Bangalmora-Laluk.
2. Sangoti-Bihpuria-Badoti.
3. Simoluguri-Bihpuria.
4. Jamuguri-Bihpuria-Badoti.
5. Borbali-Bihpuria-Badoti.

(e) Whether Government has lately received any resolution from D. C. C., N. L. regarding the State Transport buses within North Lakhimpur? If so, what action Government has taken on it?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

208. (a)—The report is called for.

(b)—All the buses placed on the North Gauhati-North Lakhimpur line are good new buses, and are now only one year old.

(c) & (d)—The matter will be looked into.

(e)—Enquiries are being made from local officers.

Thirty-five Miri families of North Lakhimpur Subdivision now residing in the Kenduguri Grazing, originally of Kumalia Chapari

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West) asked:

209. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that thirty-five Miri families of North Lakhimpur Subdivision, now residing in the Kenduguri Grazing were originally of Kumalia Chapari which was eroded in 1942 rendering it unfit for human dwelling?

(b) Whether Government is aware that Mr. J. Dumbreck Subdivisional Officer allowed the said Miri people to occupy the Kenduguri Grazing in 1942, and Mr. H. N. Deka, Subdivisional Officer assured the people to settle lands with them formally, in 1949-50 ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that in 1951, the Land Settlement Advisory Board of North Lakhimpur adopted a resolution on 2nd June 1951 to give settlement of one bigha of land for each family till alternative land is given to them ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that during these long fifteen years these poor Miri people are occupying the Kenduguri Grazing and they have erected their permanent homestead there ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Sub-Deputy Collector of Bihpuria evicted the said Miri families on 17th April 1958, by demolishing two hundred houses causing a loss of about Rs.50,000 ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that neither notice of eviction nor alternative lands were given to the people ?

(g) Whether Government is aware that the innocent evicted people represented the matter to the Government and requested the Chief Minister on 1st May 1958 to give compensation to their loss incurred in eviction ?

(h) If the replies to questions (b), (c) (d) and (e) are in the affirmative, why Government did not give compensation to the evicted people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) : replied:

209. (a) to (h)—Report has been called for from the local officer.

Unauthorised occupation over a number of plots of land in Moderkhat Mauza by Assam Distillery and Moderkhat Tea Estate

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

210. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a copy of letter No.9790-R, dated 22nd December 1947, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur to the Sub-Deputy Collector, Eastern Circle, Dibrugarh ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Proprietor of Assam Distillery and Moderkhat Tea Estate had unauthorised occupation over a number of plots of land in Moderkhat Mouza and the then Deputy Commissioner ordered the Circle Sub-Deputy Collector in 1947 to take strong steps against him ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that with the transfer of Shri N.K. Rustomji, the then Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh, the Circle Sub-Deputy Collector did not take adequate steps on his order ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Proprietor of Moderkhat Tea Company was very active in occupying grazing reserve, sarkari land, annual patta land and other periodic patta land from Pattaders by any means in the early part of attainment of Independence ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the successor of Shri N.K. Rustomji did take inadequate steps to preserve the interest of local cultivators in Moderkhat Mauza ?

(f) Whether the Minister-in-charge will lay on the table a list of land with their areas showing separately the grazing reserve, dereserved grazing land, waste land, reserved land, annual patta land, land procured from periodic patta holders, "Nisf-kheraj" and land of other descriptions occupied or taken possession of by the Proprietor, Assam Distillery, or his relatives since the formation of Interim National Government *i.e.*, 1946 ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that most cultivators of the surrounding villages of Moderkhat Tea Estate were rendered almost landless due to the pressure of the Proprietor of this Tea Estate ?

(h) Whether Government are aware that some land owing cultivators have been reduced to the position of beggars in that area due to actions of this Indian Tea Planter ?

(i) Whether the Minister-in-charge will lay on the table a list of the area of the land under the occupation of the Proprietor of the Assam Distillery and Moderkhat Tea Company or his relatives, which is not covered by either tea or mechanised cultivation ?

(j) Whether Government have any proposal to cancel all illegal transfer of land from this businessmen or his relative ?

(k) Whether Government propose to cancel the ownership of this business family over all cultivable land and return the same to the former owners of periodic or annual pattas who have been rendered landless or owner of inadequate land or uneconomic holding or to other indigenous cultivators ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

210. (a)—The letter referred to is being 'C' class paper destroyed after 3 years.

(b)—The Proprietor, Moderkhat Tea Company encroached on some Government waste land, grazing reserves, Grant reservation and Road side reservation to the extent of about 22 bighas in all. Encroachment case have been started.

(c)—It is not a fact. Action has been taken and encroachment is being removed.

(d)—It is a matter of opinion.

(e)—It is not a fact.

(f)—Land of different descriptions occupied or possessed by the Proprietor, Assam Distillery is furnished as follow:—

	B.	K.	L.
(i)—Grazing Reserve (of Gohaingaon and Bagagaon.)	5	3	0
(ii)—Grant Reservation of Gohaingaon.	9	0	18
(iii)—Reservation (Roadside) of Khari-katiagaon.	4	1	0
(iv)—Government waste land of Gohain-gaon.	3	2	0
(v)—Nisf-kheraj.		Nil	
(vi)—Annual land standing in the name of other pattaders.	38	0	16
(vii)—Periodic land purchased.	1353	4	0

(g) and (h)—Government have no information.

(i)—There is no such record showing the land separately either covered by tea or mechanised cultivation.

(j)—There is no such proposal. Illegal transfer of properties can be challenged in the court of law only.

(k)—No.

Taxi ply in Shillong without permit and Taxi fares determined by Drivers

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi)
asked :

211. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there are some taxis in Shillong which are plying without any permit or meter ?
- (b) If so, whether Government has taken any action against taxi owners concerned ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the passengers are experiencing great difficulties because taxi fares is determined by the drivers themselves and not according to the meter rate ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to take steps to stop this practice and see that the taxi fare is charged according to the meter ?
- (e) What is the total number of taxis whose meters are not functioning well ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Transport Minister)
replied :

211. (a)—Taxis plying in Shillong Town have valid permits. Most of the taxis are fitted with meters. Some taxis having granted permits very recently are however being allowed to ply for the time being without meters pending receipt of the same from Calcutta or Bombay. Out of 65 taxis only 11 are operating without meters.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Besides meter, there is a prescribed fare chart to be exhibited in every taxi prescribing fares to different stages of journey. However the complaint will be enquired into.

(d)—Yes. But it depends on ready availability of meters and local mechanics.

(e)—At present only four taxi meters are not functioning due to non-availability of parts in local market.

Damage done to the cultivation by the Buffaloes of the Saikhowaghat

Srimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

212. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) If he is aware that the Buffaloes of the Saikhowaghat have totally damaged the cultivation of the public residing outside the bund for the last two years in succession ?

(b) Whether the Minister-in-charge got public complaint against this menace of the Buffaloes ?

(c) If so, what action have been taken by Government in the matter ?

(d) Whether Government served any injunction to the Khutiwallas to remove their Khuties to a distant place ?

(e) If so, what is the reason of their defiance ?

(f) If not, why ?

(g) Who are those Khutiwallas ?

(h) The number of Buffaloes owned by each of them ?

(i) What is the amount of tax collected from them ?

(j) Whether Government propose to remove the Khuties from the cultivation area ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

212. (a) to (j)—Report has called for from the Local Officer.

**Total acreage of land in P. G. R. Angarkata in Mauza
Kumarikata Sub-Deputy Collector Circle,
Tamulpur of Kamrup District**

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

213. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total acreage of land in P. G. R. Angarkata in Mouza Kumarikata under the Sub-Deputy Collector Circle, Tamulpur in the District of Kamrup ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that about 800 landless peasant families, of which about 150 tribal families, 100 Saotal families, 40 Munda families 30 Orang families, 250 refugee families, 30 Goalparia Rajvanchi families and about 100 Assamese local Hindu Muslim peasant families have been occupying and cultivating the reserve land since 4/5 years back ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that prior to its being P. G. R. the whole of the Angarkata area was cultivated by foreign sugarcane planters, and still there are traces of big roads and deep tube wells ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the whole of the P. G. R. land is fit for paddy cultivation, and during these 4/5 years paddy yield there is very much satisfactory ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that land revenue has been raised by local Mauzadar, Shri Guni Ram for the year 1364 B. S. ?

- (f) Whether Government is aware that revenue has been collected from one Balhai Saotal on 20th May 1958 his receipt No. being 69 of book No. 2504 and from Sunda Saotal his receipt being No. 70 of Book No. 2504 ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that all the peasants were evicted on 19th of Baisakh last demolishing their houses and damaging their Ahu Crops ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the evicted cultivators propose to form a "Co-operative Farming of Landless Cultivators", and they have requested the Government to settle the land with them?
- (i) If so, what is the decision undertaken by Government ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

213. (a) to (i)—Report has been called for from the local officer.

Poor Scheduled Caste families (Namasudra and Kaivarta) living at Bhakatpara in Barpeta, Kamrup District

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

214. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that there are about 250 poor Scheduled Caste families (Namasudra and Kaivarta) living at Bhakatpara in Barpeta town in the district of Kamrup ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that previously they lived on fishing in the neighbouring beds and rivers such as, Saulkhowa, Nali, Bhelengi, Uzanvelengi, Vativelengi, Jahana, Kaldia river, Pomara river, Kaplabul etc., and after the introduction of Dak-system ninety-nine per cent of them had to leave fishing ?

- (c) Whether Government are aware that finding no way out for their subsistence, almost all of them have decided to start land-cultivation, and some of them have already started ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some months back while the former Chief Minister, Shri B. R. Medhi, *Ex-Revenue Minister*, Shri M. Bora, and *Ex-Minister*, Shri Ramnath Das had been at Barpeta, the people met them and placed before them to allot lands at Sankuchi V. G. R. of Ghilazari Mouza, Bania Reserve under Barpeta Mauza, and in the Bhatikuchi Forest Reserve ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Ministers concerned assured them to give some lands somewhere in the said reserves ?
- (f) If so, whether Government has given land to them ?
- (g) If the reply to (f) above in the negative, whether Government will give them lands in near future, or arrange for the rehabilitation ?
- (h) If the latter, what is that scheme of rehabilitation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

214. (a) to (h)—Report has been called for from the local officer.

Procurement of land from the Cultivators in Dibrugarh Subdivision by the Proprietor of the Goneshbari Tea Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

215. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Proprietor of the Goneshbari Tea Company is in possession of over 8,560 bighas of land mostly procured from the cultivators in Dibrugarh Subdivision?

(b) Whether it is a fact that over 1,000 families of cultivators were reduced to landless cultivators due to the pressure of this Indian Tea Planter?

(c) If not, what is the actual number of cultivators who has been rendered landless due to the pressure of this Tea Planter?

216. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that land covered by Dag Nos. 449, 506 and 507 of periodic patta No. 85 measuring 22 bighas, 4 kathas, 6 lessas in Gohain Gaon, Moderkhat Mauza has been occupied by the Proprietor of Moderkhat Tea Company unlawfully and forcefully?

(b) Whether Government propose to evict this Tea Planter from forceful occupation of these “Rupit mati” (Paddy cultivable land) and settle them with real cultivators?

217. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Goneshbari Tea Company is arranging to plant tea over the Sarkari Gubat in Niz Moderkhat Village in Moderkhat Mouza?

(b) What is the area of “Gubat”, Sarkari land and annual patia land occupied by this Tea Planter in Moderkhat Mauza?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the local Land Revenue staff has not taken adequate action as yet to evict this Planter from Sarkari “Gubat”?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

215 to 217—Information has been called for from the local officer.

**Transformation of order given by the Deputy
Development Commissioner and Additional
Secretary**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

218. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that certain transfer order was given by the Deputy Development Commissioner and Additional Secretary to the Government of Assam, Development (C. P.) Department, Shillong, *vide* his Memo. No.CPED.15/57/92-A, dated the 18th July, 1958 in the interest of Public Service stating that the order should come into force with immediate effect ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that no order of transfer on Medical ground should be stayed according to the Fundamental Rule ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Project staff should not generally keep their families with them while they are on project duty away from home ?
- (d) Whether the reason why the above order was stayed *via* wire No. CPED.375640, dated the 31st July, 1958 by the Deputy Development (C.P.) Commissioner ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of Community Development) replied :

218.—(a) Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

(d)—As the officer transferred to relieve the applicant in question could not himself move on medical grounds the transfer order was stayed temporarily.

**Total number of cattle died in epidemic in Silchar
Subdivision**

Shri TAJAMMUL ALI BARLASKAR (Udarband)
asked :

219. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total number of cattle died in Silchar Subdivision during the last epidemic ?
- (b) What is the number of families who lost their cattle ?
- (c) What is the number of families who have been granted cattle loan for the purchase of cattle ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that there are many families who lost their cattle and could not purchase the cattle due to non-receipt of loan ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to enquire and issue loan to these families to purchase cattle and thus enable them to cultivate their land at an early date ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge of Veterinary) replied:

219. (a)—1,685.

(b)—Information is not available.

(c)—Number of families who have been given cattle loan is not available but statement of loans sanctioned during the year is given below.

CATTLE LOAN ISSUED DURING 1958-59

						Rs.
(1) Dibrugarh	...	...	...	...	...	2,00,000
(2) North Lakhimpur	..	...	...	...	...	5,000
(3) Tezpur	...	...	...	..	...	10,000
(4) Mangaldai	...	...	...	...	...	5,000

						Rs.
(5) Jorhat	...	...	..	...	...	75,000
(6) Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	...	1,50,000
(7) Golaghat	...	...	...	...	...	50,000
(8) Nowgong	...	...	..	...	...	1,00,000
(9) Gauhati	...	...	...	..	...	60,000
(10) Barpeta	...	..	...	...	...	30,000
(11) Dhubri	...	...	..	...	...	50,000
(12) Goalpara	...	...	...	—	...	85,000
(13) Kokrajhar	...	...	...	...	...	30,000
(14) Silchar	...	...	...	..	...	1,50,000
(15) Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	...	5,000
(16) Karimganj	...	...	...	...	...	5,000
Total					...	10,10,000

(d)—No.

(e)—An enquiry will be made.

Regarding Industrial Loans of a sum of Rs.1,000 granted to Shri Tatta Mohan Pathak of Barpeta

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

220. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it a fact that one Shri Tatta Mohan Pathak of Barpeta town is granted Industrial loan of Rs.1,000 (Rupees one thousand).

(b) Whether Government are aware that the cheque in his name reached the office of the Superintendent of Industries, Barpeta in March, 1958 ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that the cheque was in the office of the Superintendent of Industries till its delivery that is till 8th July, 1958 ?

- (d) What is the number of the Cheque ?
- (e) Whether a Cheque, according to rules can be kept in the office for more than three months without renewal ?
- (f) If not, why this Cheque remained in the office for more than 4 months and then delivered ?
- (g) Whether Sri Tatta Mohan Pathak was informed in time in March, 1958 when the Cheque reached the office of Superintendent of Industries and if so, on what date ?
- (h) What were the reasons for which the Cheque was in that office from March, 1958 to 8th July, 1958 without taking any action ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that the loan was sanctioned for Tailoring purpose ?
- (j) If not, for what purpose the loan was sanctioned ?
- (k) Whether Sri Tatta Mohan Pathak is a Tailor ?
- (l) If so, who certified him to be a Tailor ?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that Sri Tatta Mohan Pathak is a fisherman by profession ?
- (n) If so, why a tailoring loan was sanctioned to him ?
- (o) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire and take severe action against the persons entangled in this fraud ?
- (p) Whether Government are aware that E. A. C. in-charge of Sub-Treasury, Barpeta issued notice on Sri Tatta Mohan Pathak and three other persons in this connection ?
- (q) Who are those three other persons ?
- (r) What were the reasons which forced the E. A. C. to issue notice on them ?
- (s) Whether the Cheque was passed and the amount given to Sri Tatta Mohan Pathak ?
- (t) If so, whether that Cheque was new or the old one was renewed ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries) replied :

220. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It is not a Cheque but a Bank draft issued by the State Bank which reached the Superintendent in April 1958.

(c)—The Bank draft was lying with the Superintendent till 7th July, 1958 which is the date of disbursement.

(d)—The Bank draft No. is G/264, dated 31st March 1958.

(e)—A Bank draft payable at the Treasury or of Sub-Treasury where there is no State Bank remains valid for six months.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Yes on 25th April 1958 the date on which the Bank draft was despatched.

(h)—Because the loanee did not turn up to receive the Bank draft until 7th July, 1958 although he was duly informed.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—Does not arise.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—The Development Officer, Barpeta.

(m)—It may be so. But Government have no information.

(n)—There is no bar to grant loan to fisherman for tailoring or any other industry.

(o)—There is no fraud.

(p) to (r)—Information called for.

(s)—Yes.

(t)—Does not arise in view of answer to (e) above.

Cattle epidemic in the districts of Kamrup, Goalpara Darrang and Nowgong

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

221. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a large number of bullocks, cows, goats and buffaloes lately died of the cattle epidemic in the districts of Kamrup, Goalpara, Darrang and Nowgong?
- (b) Whether it was a fact that during the years 1957-58, there were large scale cattle mortality in the districts of Darrang and Goalpara?
- (c) If so, what measure Government has taken to stop further mortality of cattle during the year 1958 and how far the measure has been successful?
- (d) Whether the scale of mortality of cattle during 1958 is more extensive than that of the preceding years?
- (e) What are the diseases which caused this terrible cattle mortality?
- (f) Whether Government propose to take any preventive measures for the next year?
- (g) If so, what are they?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied:

221. (a)—Yes, so far as buffaloes, cows and bullocks are concerned. No report of death of goats has been received.

(b)—Yes, but the mortality during 1956-57 was not so high in comparison with the mortality during 1957-58.

(c)—The entire staff of the Department was engaged in mass vaccination against Rinderpest. This programme is still continuing. In addition, one Rinderpest Eradication Officer, 4 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, 8 Supervisor Field Assistants and 60 Veterinary Field Assistants are engaged exclusively for this work. The staff has so far vaccinated 28,89,260 animals against the disease. So far as Darrang is concerned Rinderpest was brought under control during 1957-58.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Rinderpest.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—It is proposed to vaccinate the entire cattle population of the State so as to eradicate the disease from the State once for all with the co-operation of the public.

Civil Suits against Government of Assam claiming Compensation by a Contractor

MAULAVI TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

222. Will the P. W. D. Minister (R. & B.) be pleased to refer to reply to unstarred question No.945(g) asked by Shri Ghanashyam Talukdar during the last Budget Session and state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have not made any correspondence with the contractor yet, to settle up the matter ?

(b) If so, why ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W.D. (R. and B. Wing)] replied:

222. (a)—It is not a fact. Government are making correspondence with the contractors concerned.

(b)—Does not arise.

Barpeta Bus Syndicate

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

223. Will the Transport Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Secretary, R. T. A. without the previous approval of the R. T. A. is competent to allow Bus Syndicate of a certain route as a measure of extension to ply its vehicles in an altogether different route having no connection with its own route ?

(b) Under whose orders the Barpeta Bus Syndicate are plying its buses in routes, *viz.*, Barpeta-Tarabari, Barpeta-Hajo-North Gauhati-Barpeta-Daulasal-Chenga and Barpeta-Sarthebari ?

(c) Whether those routes have been formally taken up by the R. T. A. ?

(d) If so, whether any application for permit in those routes was called ?

(e) If not, why not ?

224. Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that there has been heavy overloading of passengers and goods in the buses plying in the route of Barpeta-Sarthebari-North Gauhati specially between Rangia and Chamata ?

(b) How the Government propose to stop such heavy overloads ?

(c) Whether the Government propose to post one whole time magistrate for holding mobile court with jurisdiction for the whole of North Kamrup areas ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Transport Minister) replied:

223. (a)—No.

(b)—Being enquired into.

(c) & (d)—Reference is being made to the R. T. A.

(e)—Does not arise.

224. (a)—This is being enquired into.

(b) & (c)—The whole question of overload and posting of Magistrate will be decided on receipt of reports since called for.

Number of the retrenched tea garden labour in the district of Cachar

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

225. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the number of the retrenched tea garden labour in the district of Cachar ?
- (b) Whether there has been any retrenchment in those tea gardens which are under European managements ?
- (c) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving details of the retrenched labour gardenwise ?
- (d) Will Government be pleased to state what is the rate of increase of the population in the labour force of Cachar ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

225. (a)—8231.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—A statement giving details of the retrenched labour gardenwise is placed on the Library Table.

[STATEMENT LAID ON THE LIBRARY TABLE IN REPLY TO
U. Q. 225 (C)]

A Statement giving details of the retrenched labour Garden-wise

Names of the gardens						No. of workers retrenched			
						M	F	C.	Total
(1)						(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Aenakhall (European)	..	..	..	..	..	595	539	137	1271
2. Arcuttipore	..	..	..	..	..	197	113	15	326
3. Borokhai	..	..	..	..	..	113	68	21	202
4. Binnakandy	..	..	..	..	..	333	248	..	581
5. Bicrampore	..	..	..	..	..	24	42	13	79
6. Ballacherra (Indian)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	498
7. Chingoor (Indian)	..	..	..	..	..	62	76	64	202
8. Chargola (European)	..	..	..	..	..	300	148	161	609

	Names of the gardens			No. of workers retrenched			
				M	F	C	Total
	1			2	3	4	5
9. Dilkhoosh (European)	..	..	..	..	57	41	1 99
10. Dooloogram (Indian)	..	..	..	..	30	20	.. 50
11. Derby (European)	..	..	..	..	260	184	20 464
12. Dullabcherra (Indian)	..	..	..	..	373	241	55 669
13. Dwarband (India)	..	..	..	..	11	11	5 27
14. Goombira (European)	..	..	..	..	248	203	35 486
15. Hattikhira (European)	..	..	..	..	156	79	47 282
16. Hallaincherra (European)	..	..	..	..	90	73	67 230
17. Kuttal (Indian)	..	..	..	..	219	96	6 321
18. Kalline (European)	..	..	..	..	129	223	17 369
19. Lallamookh (European)	..	..	..	..	5	14	8 27
20. Lallacherra	..	..	..	..	109	90	26 225
21. Monierkhal	..	..	..	..	9	28	2 39
22. Manipur	..	..	..	..	124	83	13 220
23. Poloi (Indian)	..	..	..	..	69	59	38 166
24. Rampore (European)	..	..	..	..	162	122	196 480
25. Singlacherra (European)	..	..	..	..	165	..	63 228
26. South Cachar (India)	..	..	..	..	61	58	14 133
27. Serispore (European)	..	..	..	..	10	10	.. 20
28. Titkah (Indian)	..	..	..	..	107	109	23 239
29. West Jalinga (European)	..	..	..	..	42	75	23 140
30. Urrunaband (Indian)	..	..	..	..	22	22	1 45
Total	..	..	..	..	4,082	3,075	1,074 8231

(d)—The information is being collected.

Assam Tea Labour Plantation Act, 1956

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

226. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of tea gardens in Assam which have implemented the notified clauses of the Assam Tea Labour Plantation Act, 1956 ?
- (b) The number of tea gardens in Assam which have partly implemented the notified clauses of the Assam Tea Labour Plantation Act, 1956 ?
- (c) The number of tea gardens in Assam which have not implemented any of the notified clauses of the Assam Tea Labour Plantation Act ?
- (d) What are the tea gardens which have not yet implemented any of the clauses of the Tea Labour Plantation Act showing the districts and Subdivision within which they are situated ?
- (e) How many of the tea gardens which have not implemented the notified clauses of the Tea Labour Plantation Act have been visited by the Commissioner of Labour of the State ?
- (f) How many of the tea gardens which have only implemented partly the notified clauses of the Tea Labour Plantation Act have been visited by the Commissioner of Labour of the State ?
- (g) How many of the tea gardens which have fully implemented the notified clauses of the Tea Labour Plantation Act have been visited by the Labour Commissioner ?
- (h) Whether the representatives of workers of the respective tea gardens or the representatives of the Labour organisations are informed when the Labour Commissioner visits a garden ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

226. (a) & (b)—Districtwise number of estates who have implemented the various provisions is placed on the Library Table (Appendix—'A'). (Please see Library Register No. S.72.)

(c)—96.

(d)—Districtwise names of estates who failed to provide with the particular provisions is placed on the Library Table (Appendix—'B') (Please see Library Register No. S.72.)

(e)—Chief Inspector of Plantations is solely responsible for administration of the Plantations Labour Act within the State and he had inspected 3 estates so far who have not implemented any of the provisions of the Act.

(f)—Chief Inspector of Plantations had inspected 13 such estates so far.

(g)—Chief Inspector of Plantations had inspected 40 such estates so far.

(h)—Yes. Whenever it is necessary.

Hospital in Tamulbari Tea Estate

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahoal) asked:

227. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any hospital for labourers in Tamulbari Tea Estate ?
- (b) If so, how many patients can be accommodated in that hospital and wherefrom the doctor in-charge has got his diploma ?
- (c) Whether there is any qualified nurse in the hospital ?
- (d) If so, from which institution she got her training ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied:

227. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Nine hospital beds are provided with 60 square feet of floor space as laid down. Second part of this question is not clear. If the hon. Member means the doctor, the information is not readily available and it is being collected.

(c)—There is one nurse-cum-midwife.

(d)—The information is not readily available and will be furnished after enquiry.

(e)—Does not arise.

Lohit Rural Panchayat

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA asked:

228. Will the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) In which year and at what month the Lohit Rural Panchayat was formed ?

- (b) Whether the election was only notified by the authority to all the voters ?
- (c) If so, how and how many days before the scheduled date ?
- (d) Whether the election was notified by beat of drum or by notice ?
- (e) If the reply to (d) above be in the negative the reason for non-camphome ?
- (f) Where the office of the Panchayat is located at present ?
- (g) Who are the following office bearers and what are their permanent address :—
 - (1) President ;
 - (2) Vice-President ;
 - (3) Secretary ; and
 - (4) Members.

229. Will the Minister for Rural Development be pleased state—

- (a) When the last annual general meeting of the Lohit Rural Panchayat was held ?
- (b) How the date was announced ?
- (c) Whether it was by beating of drum or by hanging the notice in the office notice board or it was published through the column of newspapers ?
- (d) Who presided over the meeting ?
- (e) Whether the Secretary submitted the account and the report in writing ?
- (f) Whether any objection arose in the meeting where details of the account were demanded ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the matter ?
- (h) Who is the banker of the Panchayat ?

230. Will the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government received any protest from the public regarding formation of fishery mahals in patta lands which the Lohit Rural Panchayat have done against the consent of the public ?
- (b) If so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?
- (c) Under what authority rule or law the Lohit Rural Panchayat formed fisheries in patta lands and sold them in auction ?
- (d) Who was the Government administrative officer present during the auction ?
- (e) What steps have been taken by Government against such illegal action of the Panchayat ?

231. Will the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the public brought non-confidence motion against the Lohit Rural Panchayat in a general meeting held on 21st June 1958 under the presidentship of Shri Dolbirsing Lohar, *Ex-M.L.A.* ?
- (b) Whether Government will depute the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur to make an immediate enquiry into the matter ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied:

- 228. (a) to (g)—The informations are being collected.
- 229. (a) to (h)—The questions are being collected.
- 230. (a) to (e)—The questions are being collected.
- 231. (a) to (b)—The questions are being collected.

Gaolia Banks in Panitola

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

232. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Societies be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there were certain Gaolia Banks within a radius of about 5 miles of Panitola such as (1) Gaharipam G. B. (2) Charvandi G. B. (3) Baruhula G. B. (4) Gondhia G. B. (5) Jerai G. B. (6) Mudoi G. B. (7) Jogipather G. B. (8) Nagaon G. B. and others ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that these Gaolia Banks or Rural Credit Societies have no transactions for more than 10 (ten) years ?
- (c) The period of each of the Gaolia Banks or Rural Credit Societies in Panitola area which have stopped transactions ?
- (d) Why these Gaolia Banks or Rural Credit Societies stopped functioning for such long period ?
- (e) Whether these banks and societies received due departmental guidance ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to amalgamate some of these Rural Credit Societies with a view to forming an affective Rural Credit Society at Panitola ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operative) replied :

232. (a)—Yes, there are the following Primary Co-operative Societies within a radius of about 5 miles of Panitola (1) Gaharipam G. B. (2) Barupulla G. B. (3) Gondhia G. B. (4) Jerai G. B. (5) Mudoi G. B. (6) Gharbandhi G. B. (7) Jogipathar G. B. (8) Nowgong G. B. (9) Dhotea G. B. (10) Morankari G. B. (11) Gohoripam G. B.

(b)—It is not a fact that all these Rural Credit Societies have no transactions for more than 10 years. Only the following societies had no transactions for some years. (1) Nowgong G. B. (2) Jogipathar G. B. (3) Gahoripam G. B. (4) Mudoï G. B.

(c)—The period of each of the Gaolia Banks or the Rural Credit Societies which have stopped transactions are given below—

(1) Nowgong	..	...	...	10 years.
(2) Jogipathar G. B.	...	...	..	10 years.
(3) Gahoripam G. B.	...	...	...	10 years.
(4) Mudoï G. B.	...	..	...	5 years.

(d)—The Gaolia Banks mentioned in (b) & (c) above did not function as the members did not take interest in the affairs of their society. In fact, the societies were visited by the Officers of the Co-operative Department for the purpose of rehabilitation but without success due to lack of initiative on the part of the members of the societies concerned.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Good Societies will be amalgamated into a large sized society if the members of the societies concerned agree to such a proposal and express willingness to form such societies.

Beki Embankment

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

233. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (E & D Wings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Beki Embankment from Basbari to Mathangri was duly surveyed to ascertain the quantity of earth-work to be required, before the work was given out on contract?

- (b) What were the estimated height and breadth of the embankment and what are the actual height and breadth on completion ?
- (c) Whether there was excess earth work, than the estimated quantity ?
- (d) If so, what is this quantity and why this excess was necessary ?
- (e) Who are the contractors who cut the excess ?
- (f) Whether previous permission was taken to cut the excess ?
- (g) If so, who gave the permission ?
- (h) If so, by whom and on which dates (the diary of the officers doing check measurement may kindly be laid on the table) ?
- (i) Whether check measurement was done ?
- (j) Whether Government would get the work re-checked and verified by an officer of the rank of Superintending Engineer of the Roads and Buildings Wing ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

233. (a) to (j) — Informations are being collected from the Divisional Officer.

Chewekhoa Embankment

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

234. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (E & D Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the embankment of the Chewekhoa channel of the low-lying area on the east of Barpeta town was cut by a fishery lessee ?
- (b) If so, under whose order and why ?
- (c) Whether the officer was competent to give such order ?

- (d) Whether Government propose to transfer the present overseer of Barpeta to a different Division ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

234. (a) to (d)—Informations are being collected from the Divisional Officer.

Barkakali Revetment

Shri TAMIZUDDIN PRODHANI (Dhubri) asked :

235. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is an Embankment named Khar-muja-Fakirganj towards the south bank of the Brahmaputra within the Dhubri Subdivision and if so what is its present condition ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that there was a breach on the said embankment near Barkakali by the erosion of the Brahmaputra last year ?
- (c) If so, what was the length of the breach ?
- (d) Whether there had been any arrangement to re-construct the Barkakali revetment bund and on what basis were undertaken ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the said revetment bund was entrusted upon Test Relief basis and the rate was fixed at an amount of Rs.23 per thousand cft. ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the rate per thousand cft. being found inadequate the Test Relief Committee, and Group Leaders (contractors) approached the Government to allow a reasonable rate to which the Government did not agree ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the said works were distributed on contract basis at the rate of Rs.40 per thousand cft. at the last moment in rainy seasons when it was not possible to do the works ?

- (h) How far it is a fact that due to the negligence of the Embankment and Drainage Authority the works failed resulting in wastage of public money ?
- (i) Whether Government have adopted any measures to protect the villages from flood ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied:

235.(a) to (i)—Information are being collected from the Divisional Officer.

Re: License for Arms

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

236. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Ram Kumar Agarwalla and one Indra Chand Agarwalla of Motor Radio Company, Tinsukia were issued license for arms ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that both of these persons are brothers and have been carrying on business jointly and arms licenses were issued to both of them in the year 1957 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Shri Ram Kumar Agarwalla was convicted on 10th February 1941 by Shri U. C. Roy, the then Magistrate, Dibrugarh in connection with opium smuggling and illegal possession of $8\frac{1}{2}$ tolas of opium on his waist ?
- (d) Whether this fact was brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner by the police while arms license was recommended ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

236. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes,

(c)—One Ram Kumar Agarwalla appears to have been convicted by the Magistrate in 1941 for an offence in connection with opium smuggling. Whether the person convicted is the same person as Shri Ram Kumar Agarwalla of Tinsukia to whom a license for a D. B. B. L. gun was issued in 1957 is being verified with reference to the original records of the criminal case.

(d)—There was no report about any conviction in any criminal case by police when the license for a D. B. B. L. gun was sanctioned in favour of Shri Ram Kumar Agarwalla.

(e)—Does not arise at this stage as the identity of the persons involved is yet to be established.

Small Scale Industries Loan

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

237. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of Loan-petitions received by Department of Cottage Industries during 1957-58 asking for loan for the development of Small Scale Industries?
- (b) What are those Small Scale Industries for the development of which loans were paid?
- (c) what is the number of petitions for loan for each of such classes of Small Scale Industry?
- (d) How many petitioners were granted loans and what is the total amount of loan sanctioned?
- (e) How many petitions are still pending for disposal?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that some deserving persons are not yet getting loans even though they have applied long before?
- (g) If the reply to (f) above is in the affirmative, what is the reason therefor?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Cottage Industries) replied:

237. (a)—806 Loan petitions for development of Cottage Industries and 608 for development of Sericulture and Weaving Industries were received during 1957-58.

(b) & (c)—A list showing the different Industries and the number of loan petitions against each is shown below.

Name of the Industries					No. of loan applications received
(1) Japi Making	...	...	...	...	12
(2) Jewellery	..	...	...	...	35
(3) Bakery	...	...	...	...	21
(4) Tailoring	...	...	...	...	310
(5) Carpentry	...	...	...	...	67
(6) Furniture Making	...	..	...	...	9
(7) Blacksmithy	..	...	...	...	15
(8) Smithy Works	...	...	...	...	5
(9) Motor Repairing Workshop	..	...	...	...	8
(10) Net Making	..	...	...	...	10
(11) Embroidery and Needle Works	...	...	...	...	5
(12) Ivory	...	...	...	...	2
(13) Boat Making	...	...	...	...	1
(14) Rice Mill	...	..	..	...	14
(15) Brass and Bell Metal	..	..	...	...	16
(16) Photography	...	...	...	...	2+4=6
(17) Lumbering and Timber Works	...	...	...	...	6
(18) Bee-Keeping	..	...	...	...	6
(19) Shoes manufacture	...	...	..	...	13
(20) Lime-Kiln	..	...	...	...	2
(21) Dairy Farm	...	...	..	...	11
(22) Book Binding	...	...	...	...	2

Name of the Industries					No. of loan applications received
(23)	Paddy Husking	...	...	...	5
(24)	Saw-Mill	...	...	...	14
(25)	Printing Press	...	...	...	14
(26)	Bricks manufacture ..	...	...	...	30
(27)	Homeopathy	...	...	...	2
(28)	Soap manufacture	...	...	...	20
(29)	Electric Works	..	..	...	1
(30)	Dhub Agabati Manufacture ..	..	..	...	1
(31)	Dry Betel Nut Factory	...	...	...	2
(32)	Lozenge Factory	...	..	..	1
(33)	Printing Works	...	...	...	1
(34)	Ayurvedic	...	..	...	6
(35)	Leather and Hide Industry	...	...	...	2
(36)	Alluminium Factory	..	...	...	1
(37)	Atta Grinding	...	...	...	11
(38)	Hosiery	...	...	...	1
(39)	Manufacture of Cycle Parts ..	...	..	..	1
(40)	Biscuit Factory	...	...	...	9
(41)	Agarbati	...	...	...	1
(42)	Trunk Factory	...	...	...	4
(43)	Manufacture Concrete Ring Wells	...	...	...	4
(44)	Volcanising	...	..	...	3
(45)	Pottery	...	..	...	5

Name of the Industries	No. of loan applications received			
(46) Ghani	..	..	..	5
(47) Cycle Repairing	..	..	..	14
(48) Distillery	..	..	..	1
(49) Dyeing and Painting	..	..	..	1
(50) Toy Making	..	..	..	1
(51) Horticulture	..	..	..	2
(52) Bidi Factory	..	..	..	1+1=2
(53) Umbrella Assembly and Repair	..	..	..	3
(54) Musical Instrument Manufacture	..	..	..	1
(55) Chemical Works	..	..	..	1
(56) Block Making	..	..	..	1
(57) Sital Pati	..	..	..	2
(58) Soda Water Factory	..	..	..	1
(59) Pharmacy	..	..	..	1
(60) Industrial Co-operative Societies	..	..	..	3
(61) Industrial Works	..	..	..	3
(62) Sugar cane Farming	..	..	..	1
(63) Weaving	..	..	..	606
(64) Sericulture	..	..	..	2

(d)—250 petitioners were granted loans amounting to Rs.4,80,730 for development of Cottage Industries and 110 were granted loan amounting to Rs.1,32,930 for development of Sericultural and Weaving Industries.

(e)—400 petitions for loans for development of Cottage Industries and 250 for development of Sericulture and Weaving Industries are at present pending excluding those rejected.

(f) & (g)—Yes, there are some cases. The delay is due to some incorrect informations given by the petitioners and also due to the normal time taken in evaluating the mortgage properties by the District Officers.

**Smuggling of timber from Mahakali Grants in
Dibrugarh Subdivision**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

238. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Lonkeswar Gohain of Chota Dirak Village in Saikhowa Mauza brought to the notice of the Government and the Forest Department during the last few years that certain contractors sold timber without paying any royalty from Mahakali Grants and other places of Eastern part of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the value of royalty of these timber unaccounted by Forest Department was believed to be Rs.1,60,000 or over ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this smuggling of timber had been doing at the very nose of the officials of Forest Department ?
- (d) Whether inquiry has been made on this subject ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that certain officials of Forest Department were found to be negligent in their work or involved in this smuggling ?
- (f) If so, whether the actual position will be communicated to this House ?
- (g) Who were the contractors involved in this case ?
- (h) What action has been taken by Government on the Forest Staff, Officers and the contractors found to be involved in this case ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

238(a)—The Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur Division and the Conservator of Forests, Assam had got some such information from him. So far as the Mahakali Grant is concerned—the information are not correct. No timber from Mahakali Grant was issued without payment of royalty. The royalty payable on this account by the Garden Authority is yet under examination of Government. There was some illegality from Philobari U. S. F. where reclamation by Central Tractor Organisation is going on for rehabilitation of flood affected people of Sadiya. Illegal fellings were detected and it was stopped.

(b)—It is not a fact. The account of timber was kept properly. The total royalty value of these timber of the Mahakali Grant would be of Rs.2,18,014.35 N.p.

(c)—It is not a fact.

(d)—Does not arise in view of reply (c).

(e)—It is not a fact.

(f)—The actual position is this, that the Certificates of Origin for removing the timbers from the Mahakali Grant without payment of royalty were issued by the Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur Division on some wrong presumption. But when the mistake was detected necessary assessment on those timbers on account of royalty has been made and the realisation of it from the Tea Garden Authority is under examination of Government.

(g)—Does not arise in view of the reply (f) above.

(h)—Does not arise.

Water Supply in Barpothar

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorthog) asked:

239. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any grant has been sanctioned either by the Government, Local Board or Panchayat for water supply in Barpothar under Bijni scheme?

(b) If so, who sanctioned the grants and what is the amount ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that there are petitions from the local public to the Government, Local Board, Local Panchayat and the local project for supply of water in the area ?

(d) If so, what actions have been taken in the matter ?

(e) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties of getting water there as water is available at the depth of 90 feet ?

(f) Whether Government will take special measures to make provisions for water supply there immediately ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

239. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Borobazar Rural Panchayat sanctioned an amount of Rs.1,000 (one thousand) for construction of a Ring Well.

(c) & (d)—Informations are being collected.

(e)—Government are aware of the water troubles in the Boropathar area.

(f)—The Borobazar Rural Panchayat has already taken steps and sunk a Ring Well at Boropather. The matter is however being further looked into.

Gharbandi Rural Panchayat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

240. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Gharbandi Rural Panchayat have been requesting the local authority since August 1956 to allot land at Dag No.53,32,31 and other plots of Sarkari land at Panitola Town in Dibrugarh Sub-division for the purpose of opening a daily as well as weekly bazar ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that the local authority did not consider the request of the Panchayat to allot land and did not allow to open a bazar there ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that a businessman constructed bazar houses on his private land at Panitola ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the local revenue officers are not considering the request of the Rural Panchayat due to the influence of this businessman ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that this matter was referred to them repeatedly ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the particular Revenue Officer who is in in-charge of Panitola at present is not considering the request of the Panchayats ?
- (g) How long will it take to make a decision on the request of the Panchayat regarding these plots of land ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

240. (a) to (g)—the informations are being collected.

Separate Panchayats in Bogdung Mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

241. Will the Minister-in-charge, Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the area of Bogdung Mauza is 160.68 square miles and the number of Rural Panchayat covering this entire area is only one ?
- (b) What is the area covered by the first Rural Panchayat which was formed there with a part of that Mauza ?

- (c) Whether Government is aware that the area excluded from Bogdung Mauza for forming the said Panchayat extends from 20½ mile post to 29½ mile post from Dibrugarh Town, West to East on the Northern side of National Highway, and from South to North of National Highway up to Brahmaputra which is above 10 miles ?
- (d) The correct distance of the area from Tinsukia to Kanjikhowa East to West, and from National Highway to the Brahmaputra from South to North ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that for an area and population equal to that under the Lohit Rural Panchayat a separate Rural Panchayat was sanctioned elsewhere in the same subdivision whereas this area was not granted a separate Rural Panchayat but tagged with Dinjoy Hatiali Rural Panchayat which was established some eight years back ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the local authority were approached by the public either to grant a separate Panchayat or to attach the said area with the newly formed Ghorbandi Rural Panchayat but their approach was rejected ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that there was a proposal for a special grant for that area of Bogdung Mauza with a view to induce the people to join with the Dinjoy Hatiali Rural Panchayat ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that this proposal for special grant had been dropped after they had joined ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

241. (a) to (h)—The informations are being collected.

Latu-Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked :

242. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the contents of the Resolution Nos. 2 and 3 of the meeting of the Executive Council of the Latu-Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat, dated 6th April, 1958 ?
- (b) Whether the said Resolutions have been implemented ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Who is the President of the above-named Rural Panchayat ?
- (e) Who are the members of the Executive Council of the Latu-Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat ?
- (f) Whether the President of the Latu-Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat appointed all Secretaries of the Primary Panchayat ?
- (g) Who are the Secretaries of the Primary Panchayat and when the rest will be appointed ?

Shri MOHENRDA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

242. (a)—The contents of Resolution Nos. 2 and 3 of the meeting of the Executive Council of the Latu-Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat held on 6th April, 1958 are as shown below.

Resolution No. 2

In spite of repeated demands from the Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj, Shri Nani Gopal Swami, member of this Panchayat and Chairman, Karimganj Local Board did not hand over the pounds falling under the jurisdiction of this

Panchayat. Moreover his letter No. IX-IIE/57/1046, dated 6th August, 1957 addressed to the Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj and a copy to this Panchayat is full of suspicion as he curiously mentioned that, being a member of the Panchayat does not know the area of Panchayat which is quite detrimental to the interest of the Panchayat.

So this Meeting condemn the aforesaid action of Shri Swami. Further Subdivisional Officer, be requested to take necessary action for early transfer of pounds from the authority of the Karimganj Local Board to this concern.

Resolution No. 3

Shri Nani Gopal Swami and Shri Sitansu Sk. Das, Members of the Panchayat, without assigning any reason remain absent in the four consecutive meetings dated 3rd June 1957, 4th August 1957, 1st January 1958 and 23rd March 1958 consequently their memberships are automatically been ceased according to law.

Hence this meeting decided to remove them from the membership of the Panchayat with effect from today under section 22/3 of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1948.

(b)—Resolution No. 2 has been implemented. Resolution No. 3 was not implemented.

(c)—The Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj prohibited the execution of Resolution No. 3 in the public interest.

(d)—Shri Jitendra Lal Goswami is the President of the Latu-Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat.

(e)—The following are the members of the Latu Maijgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat—

- (1) Shri Jitendra Lal Goswami, President.
- (2) „ Abdur Rahim Choudhury, Vice-President.
- (3) „ Pravat Chandra Das Purkayastha, Member.
- (4) „ Gauri Charan Nath „
- (5) „ Abdus Sattar Choudhury „
- (6) „ Girija Mohan Das „
- (7) „ Azir Uddin „

(8) Shri Nimar Ali Choudhury Member

(9) „ Barin Lal Kar „

(f)—There are 8 (eight) Primary Panchayats under the Latu-Majjgram-Mohisashan Rural Panchayat and 4 Secretaries were appointed for 4 Primary Panchayats only.

(g)—The following are the 4 (four) Primary Panchayat Secretaries so far appointed.

(1) Shri Rajendra Kumar Das.

(2) „ Ajmal Hussain Choudhury.

(3) „ Abdul Matin Choudhury.

(4) „ Syamendra Kumar Nath.

The rest will be appointed as soon as possible.

Pay of Middle Vernacular School Teachers

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur) asked :

243. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government has taken any decision regarding the pay of the Middle Vernacular School teachers which is different in different Subdivisions ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the Middle Vernacular School teachers working in the Lower Primary Sections are deprived of the dearness allowance which is admissible to other Lower Primary School teachers ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to remove the irregularity immediately ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

243. (a)—The matter is under active consideration of Government.

(b)—A dearness allowance at Rs.5 has been sanctioned recently to all the Middle Vernacular School teachers under Basic Education Board with effect from 1st April 1957.

(c)—Please refer to (a) & (b) above.

Breach of Kharmuja-Fakirganj Road in Dhubri Subdivision

Shri TAMIZUDDIN PRODHANI (Dhubri) asked:

244. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that by the last breach of the Kharmuja—Fakirganj Road near Berkakali in the South Bank of Dhubri Subdivision, and for simultaneous erosion of the River Brahmaputra the people of some ten villages were rendered houseless and landless?

(b) Whether Government has received any representation from the public about the breach near Berkakali?

(c) If so, what action has been taken by Government to rehabilitate them?

(d) If not, whether Government has taken any steps to provide them with lands as early as possible?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

244. (a) to (d)—Information is being collected.

Government grants and C. I. Sheets for schools under Dibrugarh School Board

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

245. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to lay on the table—

(a) A list showing the amount of recurring grants sanctioned to different schools under Dibrugarh School Board in different Mouzas of Dibrugarh Subdivision in the year 1954-55, 1956-57 and 1958, year by year together with the names of such schools?

- (b) A Mauza-wise list showing the distribution of C. I. Sheets free of cost by the School Board, Dibrugarh, year by year, in the years 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958 to different schools situated in different Mouzas of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (c) The number of Lower Primary Schools in each Mouza of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that less encouragement was given by Dibrugarh School Board for spread of Lower Primary Education in the areas where such facilities are inadequate ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

245. (a), (b), (c), (d)—Information are being collected.

Circles of S. I. of Schools under the Dibrugarh School Board

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

246. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Lower Primary of Junior Basic and Middle Vernacular or Senior Basic Schools in different Mouzas of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) The number of Mouzas and of population in each mouza under each Circle of Sub-Inspector of Schools within Dibrugarh School Board ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the area and number of population covered by the Eastern Circle of Sub-Inspector of Schools is more than double of Western and than that of the Northern Circles ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Sub-Inspector of Eastern Circle has been stationed at Dibrugarh Town although the School situated in Eastern-most corners are over 100 miles from there ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to direct the School Board, Dibrugarh to re-demarcate the boundaries of these circles rationally ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education), replied:

246. (a), (b), (c), (d), & (e)—Information is being collected.

Hospitals or Dispensaries for Sialmari Mauza, etc.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

247. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is no other hospital or dispensary comprising the Mauzas Sialmari, Dalgaon and Barchillazhar save a small charitable dispensary at Dalgaon ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this dispensary is also not getting sufficient medicines ?
- (c) Why the construction of the proposed Public Health Hospital at Kharupatia is being delayed while an area of 4 (four) bighas of land has been received as donation ?
- (d) Whether Government have taken any proposal to provide medical facility to the people of the Sialmari, Samabari and Dalgaon Mauza and if so, when the hospitals or dispensaries for these area will be established ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

247. (a)—Necessary information is being collected.

(b)—The dispensary at Dalgaon is maintained by the Local Board. The dispensary however receives Government Grant-in-aid. In 1957-58 Grant-in-aid of Rs. 1,200 was given for medicines and equipments and Rs. 1,500 for the improvement of the buildings.

(c)—Information regarding the donation of the land was received towards the end of June, 1958, and steps are being taken to take over possession of the land.

(d)—The matter will be investigated and if further dispensaries are justified the case will be duly considered along with others in due course.

Private Houses for Government purposes

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

248. Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of houses belonging to private persons which have been occupied by Government in each Subdivision of Assam for Governmental purpose ?
- (b) The total expenditure incurred by Government for house-rent during the year 1957-58 for occupying these houses ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some of those rented houses belong to persons who constructed the houses out of the loan obtained under house building advance of housing schemes and the rent they received is several times higher than the interest they are to pay for the loan.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied:

248. (a), (b) & (c)—Information are being collected.

Lower Primary Schools and teachers under Hailakandi School Board

Shri GOURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked:

249. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to lay on the table the names of residential addresses and qualifications of Lower Primary teachers appointed from 1955 upto date under School Board, Hailakandi, along with the names of the Lower Primary Schools in which they are serving now ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

249. The information is being collected.

**Gravels and boulders used in the construction of
Rupaisiding-Kakapathar Road**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

250. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that 1,43,219 cubic feet of gravels and boulders were used on the road from Rupaisiding to Kakapathar during the last 6 years within Doom Dooma Public Works Department Subdivision and the length of this road was only 7 miles ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that from outward appearance of the road it is difficult to believe that such huge amount of gravels were used there ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to examine this road properly to ascertain that such huge amount of gravels were actually used ?
- (d) If the reply to (c) is in the affirmative whether Government propose to take one or two non-officials also to watch the physical verification ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

250. (a) to (d)—Information are being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

**Suspension of District Transport Officer from Service at
Jorhat**

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)
asked :

251. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether a District Transport Officer was suspended from service at Jorhat on 6th July 1958 ?
- (b) If so, what are the charges against him ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that he is entangled in some arbitration case under military authority in collaboration with Sardar Bahadur Singh of Jorhat ?
- (d) Whether he tampered with some combined registers of Vehicles ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that he was found to have tampered with his Matriculation Certificate and thereby reducing his age limit by some years ?
- (f) What action has been taken by the State Government ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that decision was taken previously by the then Chief Minister and the Transport Minister to remove him from the Transport Department and to revert him to the Secretariat as Lower Division Assistant ?
- (h) If so, how the matter stands now ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

251. (a)—Yes, Sri Srimanta Ram Hazarika, the then Districts Transport Officer, Jorhat was placed under suspension with effect from 6th July 1955 and not on 6th July 1958.

(b)—This is a case dealt with departmentally and the following are the charges against him—

- (i) Non-observance of prescribed procedure in remitting Motor Taxes which affected State Revenue and lack of judgment in assessing and realising tax without following prescribed procedure which affected State Revenue.
- (ii) Dereliction of duty.
- (iii) Harassment.
- (iv) Illegal gratification and mis-appropriation.
- (v) Insult and ill-treatment.

(vi) In-subordination.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d)—Government have no information.

(e)—The Union Public Service Commission informed this Government that Sri S. R. Hazarika tampered with his original Matriculation Certificate. The Certificate has now been retained by the Commission for record.

(f)—Government have since requested the Union Public Service Commission to send a photostat copy of the certificate and on receipt of the same Government will consider action to be taken against the Officer.

(g) & (h)—Government made a decision to reinstate the aforesaid District Transport Officer in his services with stoppage of three year's increment as a punishment.

Improvement of the Kamalpur-Marwa Road

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

252. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing) be pleased to state—

(a) When the work for improvement of the Kamalpur-Marwa Road will be started ?

(b) What was the constructional cost of the temporary bridge on the river Puthimari at Soneswar Ghat of the Kamalpur-Marwa Road in the year 1957-58 ?

(c) Whether the Kamalpur-Marwa Road will be surfaced with metals this year and if so, where from the work will be started ?

(d) What is the length of the road lying yet to be completed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

252. (a)—Work already started,

(b)—There is no proposal of constructing bridge on the river Puthimari at Sonaswar Ghat on the Kamalpur-Marwa Road ?

(c)—Information is being called for.

(d)—Information is being called for.

Jails in Assam

Shrimati LILY SENGUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

253. Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Jail Department be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of Jails in Assam ?

(b) The capacity of accommodation of convicts in each of these Jails ?

(c) The amount that is being spent for feeding expenses of convicts ?

(d) The total amount that is being earned by Jail Departments through the labour of convicts ?

(e) Whether any scheme has been taken in hand by each District Jail Authority to recover the expenses of convicts through their labour ?

(f) If so, what are those schemes ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Minister, Jails, etc.) replied:

253. (a) to (f)—Information has been called for.

Issue of Permits for Bus or Taxi

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

254. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether permits either for taxi or bus are issued in the name of student or member of clerical staff ?

- (b) If not, whether it is a fact that permit for bus No.ASK.564 still in service is issued in the name of a student and permit for bus No.ASK.1517 has been issued in the name of a clerk ?
- (c) If the answer to (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the names of the student and the clerk in question ?
- (d) Whether the permits for more than one bus or City Bus or Taxi can be issued in the name of one person ?
- (e) If not, whether it is a fact that the owner of Vehicle No.ASK.2562 has a City Bus in Shillong too ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

254. (a)—Generally permits are not granted to students. As regards clerical staff working in Government offices, they are debarred to hold such permits.

(b)—Permit was issued to a student Shri Karunamoy Bayan who placed bus No.ASK.564 against the permit but the Appellate Board ordered cancellation of the permit. A permit stands in the name of Shri Harimohan Choudhury, a clerk in Bajali College, Path-ala against which he has placed bus No.ASK.1517. Shri Choudhury is not a Government servant.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (b).

(d) — There is no bar. It is however the policy of the Transport Authorities not to grant too many permits in the same family.

(e)—Yes.

Tea gardens in the district of Cachar

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

255. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving details as to the following in respect of the tea gardens in the district of Cachar ?

- (i) The annual average yeild of tea per acre since 1953 to 1957 ?

- (ii) The annual cost of production per pound of tea since 1953 to 1957 ?
- (iii) The annual average market price of tea per pound since 1953 to 1957 ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Labour Minister) replied:

255. (i), (ii) & (iii).—Informations are being collected.

**Dibrugarh District Dairy and Agricultural
Farm Worker's Union**

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahoal) asked :

256. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Who are the office bearers of Dibrugarh District Dairy and Agricultural Farm Worker's Union and what are their addresses ?
- (b) What is the registered number of that Union ?
- (c) Whether Government received any complaint regarding this matter from the President of this Union *vide* his Letter No.8/496-99/58, dated the 16th July, 1958 ?
- (d) If so, against whom the complaint was made and to what effect ?
- (e) Whether Government has taken any action regarding this complaint ?
- (f) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Labour Minister) replied:

256. (a)—A List is placed in the Library Table.

[Statement laid on the Library Table in reply to unstarred Question No.256(a)].

**List of office bearers of Dibrugarh District Dairy and Agricultural Farm Workers Union, Dibrugarh
Khalishmari Registration No.402**

Name	Address	Other office held in addition to membership of executive with date
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Dalbir Singh Lohar ..	Khaliamari, Dibrugarh	.. President.
2. Kamal Singh Patar ..	Kuliabari, Dikom ...	.. Vice President.
3. Khebra Mohan Roy ..	Madurkhat Dairy and Agricultural Farm.	Do.
4. Tom Singh Lama ..	Khaliamari, Dibrugarh	.. Secretary.
5. Jadab Ch. Barthakur ..	Madurkhat Dairy and Agricultural Farm.	Assistant Secretary.
6. Kulo Chandra Dutta ..	Do.	Do.
7. Nandi Nath Baruah ..	Do.	.. Treasurer.
8. Mon Bahadur Gar ..	Koliar Bari, Dikom	.. Member.
9. Bania Urang ..	Do.	.. Do.
10. Mago Mura ..	.. Naga Chapri Lahoal	.. Do.
11. Gunaram Dutta ..	Madurkhat Dairy and Agricultural Farm.	Do.
12. Indra Bahadur ..	Do.	.. Do.
13. Mukta Nath Borthakur ..	Do.	.. Do.
14. Purnananda Saikia ..	Do.	.. Do.
15. Khagendra Nath Sarmah ..	Do.	.. Do.

(b)—The registered number of the Union is 402.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—A complaint was received from the President of the Union regarding collection of money by Shri N. C. Bora, and Shri P. Chetia from Dairy and Agricultural Workers by giving printed receipts bearing the name of Dibrugarh District Agricultural and Dairy Farm Worker's Union.

(e)—The Labour Officer has been instructed to make a thorough enquiry into this, whose report is still awaited.

(f)—Does not arise.

Scheme to connect Kokrajhar Town with Gossaigaon area by motorable road

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

257. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have any scheme to connect Kokrajhar town with Gossaigaon area by a motorable road ?

(b) If so, when will the scheme be materialised ?

(c) If the reply to question (a) is in negative whether Government propose to take up immediate scheme to construct a motorable road from Kokrajhar to Gossaigaon ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

257. (a)—No, not by any direct link, at present. But there is a Public Works Department fair weather road from Kokrajhar to Ramphalbil, joining the North Trunk Road. From Ramphalbil, one can go to Gossaigaon *via* Kachugaon along the North Trunk Road which has already been improved to all weather standard except for the Major Bridges, under Central Aid.

(b)—Please refer to (a) above.

(c)—If the hon. Member refers to any other direct route, except for the Kokrajhar-Ramphalbil-Kachugaon-Gossaigaon one, then there is no possibility to take up the same immediately as such a direct route is not included under the Second Five Year Plan or under any other approved schemes.

Enlistment of members to the Dibrugarh District Diary, Agricultural Farm Worker's Union

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

258. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Dibrugarh District Industrial and General Workers and Union is authorised to enlist members from Tea Garden Labourers by realising subscription by issuing receipt of the said Union ?

(b) Whether Government received any complaint from the President, Dibrugarh Circle Chah Mazdoor Sangha *vide* his Letter No.11/642/46/58 of 1st August ?

(c) If so, whether any action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

258.(a)—Under the Constitution of the Dibrugarh District Industrial and General Worker's Union, the membership of the Union is confined to workers employed in Automobiles, Mechanical, Electrical and other Engineering concerns, Road Transport, Shops and Establishments, Printing Presses, Transshipment, Rice, Oil, Flour, Saw and Ply-wood Mills only, etc., and as such, the Union is not authorised to enlist members from Tea Garden labourers.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The matter is being enquired into through the Labour Officer, Dibrugarh whose report is awaited .

The Factory House of Tamulbari Tea Estate

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

259. Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Factory House of Tamulbari Tea Estate is as per specification of Factory Act ?

(b) Whether the Factory House has been approved by the Chief Inspector of Factories ?

(c) If the reply is in the negative, whether Government has taken any action in the matter ?

(d) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister for Labour) replied:

259. (a)—The Factory House of Tamulbari Tea Estate was registered before the Factory Act of 1948 and Rules thereunder came into force. No serious departure was however reported or noticed during the inspections of the Factory Inspectorate.

(b)—Since the factory was existing before the Factories Act, 1948, and the rules made thereunder came into force, the provisions relating to previous permission for site and approval of plans for construction of the factory buildings as per Section 6 of the Act and Rule 3 of the Assam Factories Rule, 1950 are not applicable in this case.

(c) & (d)—Do not arise in view of the reply given in (b) above.

Appointment of expert in investigating the internal position of Bidyanagar Tea Estate

Shri BISWANATH UPADHAYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

260. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government had appointed an expert to submit his report on the Bidyanagar Tea Estate in the year 1949 at the time of redemption of the said garden on expiry of the lease ?

(b) Whether M/S Martin & Co. Ltd., the lessee, had also appointed an expert to submit his report on the said garden ?

(c) Whether there were differences between the two experts and the same were umpired by a third expert or a compromise was arrived at ?

- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the reports submitted by these experts ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to lay on the table a statement showing the total production of tea of the said Tea Estate from 1944-49, by procuring the information from the Licencing Authority if necessary ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to lay on the table a comparative statement giving the details of the following information with regard to the said Tea Estate:—
- (i) quantity of green leaf plucked every year from 1949 to 1958 ; and
 - (ii) quantity of manufactured tea every year from 1949-1958 ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement of profit and loss made by the said tea garden from 1949 to 1957 ?
- (h) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the area of replantation of the said tea garden from 1926 to June, 1958 ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that Bidyanagar was the only garden which did not suspend working even during the great tea crisis of 1952-53 in the Chargolla Valley ?
- (j) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the inspection report of Mr. Vipon, the Chairman, Cachar, Indian Tea Association made either in 1953 or 1954 ?
- (k) Whether the recommendations contained therein were given effect to and if not, on whose responsibility and recommendation, those were not acted upon ?
- (l) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the views and directions of the Court of Wards on the inspection report of Mr. Vipon ?

- (m) What were the reasons advanced by the Manager of the said garden for big drops in crops and whether the Government referred them to the team of experts before accepting the same ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

260. (a)—An expert was appointed in the year 1948.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes. There were differences of opinions between the two experts. The experts appointed an umpire in terms of the lease and the matter ended in a compromise.

(d)—The reports are not available having been destroyed as "C" class papers.

(e)—A statement is laid on the library table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 73).

(f)—A statement is placed on the library table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 73).

(g)—A statement is placed on the library table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 73).

(h)—A statement is laid on the library table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 73).

(i)—It is not known if Bidyanagar was the only garden in the Chargolla Valley that did not suspend work during the great tea crisis of 1952-53 but it is a fact that Bidyanagar did not suspend total work and carried on with short working hours weekly by retrenching 293 labourers during 1952.

(j)—A copy of the inspection note of Mr. R.M. Vipon, in the year 1953 is placed in the library table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 73).

(k)—No. The then financial position of the garden did not allow implementation of the recommendation at one and the same time but gradual implementation keeping in view of the financial condition of the garden as far as possible.

(l)—No. Directions were issued by the Court of Wards.

(m)—The big drop in the crops was due to the following reasons :—

- (a) Avoidance of coarse plucking with a view to produce quality teas to stand in the competitive market.

(b) Serious attacks of red-spider and mosquito blights.

(c) Serious hailstorm damages during 1956 and 1957.

(d) Vagaries of weather condition and serious draught in 1956-57.

(e) Suspension of plucking during December 1956 under direction of the Tea Regulation Committee.

(f) Presence of over 40 per cent vacancies in the planted area.

(g) Gradual decline of building capacity of the tea bushes which were very old.

(h) Habitual grazing of cattle by the Tea labourers in the tea areas surreptitiously causing damage to the tea bushes and consequent loss of crop. No reference in this regard was made to any team of Experts.

Validity of the appointment of the Manager questioned ; his efficiency doubted ; member-ship of the garden subject to interrogation and called for audit report of the garden

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

261. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the appointment of the Manager of Bidyanagar Tea Estate was made from the list recommended by the Public Service Commission during the year 1953-54 ?

(b) If not, on whose choice the incumbent was appointed ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the list of candidates recommended by the Public Service Commission with notes against each candidate and the method or procedure adopted in the matter of elimination of other candidates ?

- (d) Whether Government made any reference to the outgoing employers regarding the efficiency of the present Manager before taking him to be expert to be act on his advice?
- (e) If so, whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the opinion expressed by the outgoing employers?
- (f) Whether Bidyanagar garden is a member of the Surma Valley Indian Tea Association?
- (g) If so, how many times the services of the Adviser, Silchar Experimental Branch, Indian Tea Association were called for and what are his recommendations?
- (h) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the Audit Reports concerning this Tea Estate and replies thereto since April, 1958 to March, 1958 along with the actions taken on them by Government?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

261. (a)—The recruitment was not made through the Assam Public Service Commission.

(b)—The present incumbent was appointed on the recommendation of a Committee appointed by the Government for the purpose.

(c) In view of (a) above this does not arise.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Silchar Experiment Branch was consulted twice during 1956 only. They recommended Damcherra, Damgri, Kyang and Doomdooma Manipuri seeds for Cachar gardens and suggested broadcasting of pure sulphate of Ammonia for old trees and, etc., mixture for young teas.

(h)—All these voluminous reports are not readily available here. All the audit reports will have to be scrutinized and the statement made out which will take a considerable time before it can be submitted.

Detailed Information of the designation of the Officers

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

262. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The names and designations of dignitaries and Officers who stayed in Bidyanagar Bungalow during the tenure of office of the present Manager of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate and how the cost of fuel-Diesel and Petrol had been accounted for?
- (b) Whether any step was taken to avoid the unusually high rate of expenditure on wood-fuel?
- (c) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing annual consumption of petrol since 1948 to March 1958 of that Tea Estate?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement of annual expenditure of the said Tea garden in purchasing medicines for the garden employees since 1948 to March, 1957?
- (e) What is the area of the garden and the area under tea at present?
- (f) What is the number of the working labourer and their dependents at present?
- (g) The number of permits issued for cutting trees from the said garden Zamindari given details on the following since 1948?
 - (i) Number of trees against each permit, and
 - (ii) names of the permit holders.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

262. (a)—A list showing the designations of the dignitaries and officers who stayed in Bidyanagar Bungalow during the tenure of office of the present Manager of the Tea Estate in

course of their official visits is placed in the Library table. (Please see Library Register No. S.73). There is no record of names of those officers. There was no cost incurred for fuel-diesel and petrol in connection with the visit of dignitaries and officers. There was no extra cost on account of electric light and fan.

(b)—Yes, The quantity of coal allocated by the Coal Controller, Assam is quite inadequate and the qualities of the coal supplied are of very inferior type, being mostly dust coal. Hence wood-fuel is rather essential for the boiler and the Dryer.

(c)—A statement of figures from March 1949 upto 31st March 1958 (Court of Wards period) are placed on the Library table. (Please see Library Register No. S. 73)

(d)—Figures from 1949 to March 1957, i.e., court period are placed on the Library table.

(e)—Area of the garden is 5,000 acres. Area under Tea—917 acres (including 5 acres of seed garden).

(f)—The number of working labour force—

Men	...	...	...	...	...	543
Women	...	...	...	...	...	402
Children	...	...	...	...	...	37

982

Dependents—

Men	...	...	...	...	...	30
Women	...	...	...	...	...	23
Children	...	...	...	...	...	1,414

1,467

Non-Workers—

Men	...	...	...	...	...	175
Women	...	...	...	...	...	197
Children	...	...	...	...	...	27

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(g)—A statement is laid on the library table.

Fishery Mahals in Barpeta; enquiry about the collection of revenue

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

263. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Government fishery mahals are there in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether any revenue has still been left uncollected from the mahaldars of any of the fishery mahals ?
- (c) If so, how many mahaldars are remaining as defaulters (answer to be given with name of mahaldar the amount not yet collected or the amount to be paid up and name of each mahal correspondingly with the name of mahaldars from 1953 to July 1958) ?
- (d) Whether Government is taking any step to collect the money and if so, how ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the mahals have been settled with many defaulter ?
- (f) If so, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

263. (a)—Seventy-three fisheries sold in 37 groups.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Nineteen. (As per statement given below).*

Term of settlement	Name of Lessee	Name of fishery	Amount of arrear
			Rs.
*1953-54	1. Sri Bangal Izadar for Pub-Barpeta Namasudra Co-operative Fisheries Society Limited.	No. 2 Chaulkhowa ..	14,995.00
	2. Sri Utchab Ch. Bayan	No. 7 Bhelengi	758.00
	3. Sri Utchab Ch. Das	No. 14 Pohumara ...	3,970.00
	4. Sri Ubheswar Das	No. 17 Bairiver ...	1,830.00
	5. Sri Saneswar Namasudra	No. 31 Garlirjan ...	7,100.25
	6. Sri Sadananda Namasudra	No. 45 Bahua ...	10,938.00
	7. Sri Harendra Nath Das	No. 49 Kukurmara ...	916.78
	8. Sri Bhabendra Nath Das	No. 56 Bamunkutri	2,015.00
	9. Sri Mahes Ch. Das Kai-barta.	No. 39 Bherabarbila	2,230.00
	10. Sri Rammohan Pathak	No. 70 Chagmara ...	939.25

Term of settlement	Name of Lessee	Name of fishery	Amount of arrear ks.
1954-1955 to 1956-57.	1. Bangal Izardar for the Pub Barpeta Namasudra Fisheries Co-operative Society-Barpeta.	No. 2 Chaulkhowa ...	21,757.81
	2. Sri Tarun Ch. Das ..	No. 19 Dhumdhumarkur ...	1,998.00
	3. Sri Narin Ch. Dalal ..	No. 20 Balaisuti ...	19,221.00
	4. Sri Sarbamohan Pathak ..	No. 25 Kataktali ...	1,697.75
	5. Sri Sadananda Das ..	No. 38 Singra ...	263.75
	6. Sri Joydeb Das ..	No. 39 Bherabarbit ...	5,481.00
	7. Sri Ghanasyam Das ..	No. 64 Barghapa ...	3,911.00
	8. Sri Kaliman Izadar ..	No. 75 Raumari ...	8,896.00
1957-1958 to 1959-60.	1. Sri Bharath Ch. Das ..	No. 23 Chilochi ...	17,100.00
Total			1,26,058.59

(d)—Yes. By issue of notice to the defaulter and failing this by distress as an arrear of land revenue.

(e)—No, except in the case of a Co-operative Fishery Society of actual fisherman of scheduled caste.

(f)—The Fishery Society was allowed to bid pending decision on a remission petition which was under consideration of Government.

Allowances admissible to the drivers and handymen of Government vehicles

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

264. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any daily allowance is admissible to the drivers and handymen of Government vehicles other than those employed in the Assam State Transport ?

(b) If so, what is the rate of allowances ?

(c) Whether they get any travelling allowance ?

- (d) Whether the drivers of the State Transport get trip allowance when they go out on duty ?
- (e) If so, what is the rate of trip allowance ?
- (f) Whether drivers and handymen of Government vehicles belonging to Department other than State Transport also get trip allowance ?
- (g) If not, why ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the Finance Department has recommended to all the Heads of the Departments, all Deputy Commissioners and others to treat these drivers and handymen as third grade and fourth grade employees respectively for the purpose of travelling allowances ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance)
replied :

264. (a)—Yes.

(b)—As admissible to 3rd and 4th grade State Government servants respectively, *viz.*, Annas 3 for every Rs. 12½ or fraction of Rs. 12 of pay subject to a minimum of annas 12 and a maximum of Rs. 2 *plus* 40 per cent temporary increase for the 3rd grade and Re. 1 for the 4th grade Government servants.

(c)—Yes, when they happen to travel by means of transport other than vehicles propelled at Government cost.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The rate of trip allowance as admissible to drivers is shown below:—

For Plains Routes

Annas 4 per scheduled hour for each journey or trip performed subject to a minimum of Re. 1 for working for not less than 3 scheduled hours.

But when the driver have to spend a night at a place other than his headquarters while discharging his duties in the interest of public service he is allowed to draw trip allowance at 1½ times the usual rate.

For Hill Routes

Drivers are entitled to draw trip allowance at fixed rates as shown in the schedule below :—

SCHEDULE**GAUHATI-SHILLONG ROUTE—**

(a) For drivers of Gauhati-Shillong Route—

Between Shillong and Gauhati or Pandu—

(1) Passengers (Bus or Cars) Luggage Vans, Chasis.	At Rs.2 per trip and Rs.4 for up and down trips.
(2) Goods Vehicle	At Rs.3 per trip and Rs.4 for up and down trips.
(3) Horse Van	At Rs.4.
(4) Chargeman driver	At Rs.3-8-0 per trip and Rs.5-4-0 for up and down trips.

Rate of Trip Allowance admissible to Drivers for performing trips between intermediate Stations of Gauhati-Shillong Route.

1. Shillong to Mawlai	Nil.
2. Shillong to any place beyond Mawlai upto Nayabungalow.	One fourth of the trip rate single trip.
3. Shillong to Nayabungalow on bazar day if the drivers are engaged for more than 4 hours a day.	Half of the trip rate single trip.
4. Shillong to any place beyond Naya- bungalow upto Nongpoh.	Half of the trip rate single trip.
5. Gauhati to Jorabat	Nil.
6. Gauhati to any place beyond Jorabat upto Burnihat.	One fourth of the trip rate single trip.
7. Gauhati to any place beyond Burnihat upto Nongpoh.	Half of the trip rate single trip.

Rate of Trip Allowance Admissible to drivers while they are required to work outside State Transport Route.

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| 1. Shillong to Dawki and <i>Vice Versa</i> ... | Rupees 2 per trip. |
| 2. Shillong to Pynursla (back on the same day). | Rupee 1 per trip. |
| 3. Shillong to Cherrapunji (back on the same day). | Rupees 2 per trip. |

Drivers engaged on duties other than on the regular routes and away from Headquarters exceeding 10 miles will be allowed to draw trip allowances at rates admissible to them under the regular routes.

NOTE.—Drivers may be paid trip allowance subject to a minimum of Rs. 2 per day, if they are engaged for more than 6 hours a day.

NOTE.—These rates are applicable in case of petrol vehicles only.

The drivers of Diesel Vehicles receive in addition to above rates a trip allowance for performing each trip for a complete lead of 64 miles as shown below:—

Hills Routes.—At the rate of annas 2 per trip.

Plains Routes.—At the rate of anna 1 per trip.

(f)—No.

(g)—As they are governed by set of rules applicable to State Government Servants where there is no provision for granting trip allowance. The rules for Commercial Organisation cannot be made applicable to the regular State Government servants.

(h)—Yes.

Government surrendered a sum to the Central Government—requires explanation

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

265. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government has surrendered a sum of Rs.6,30,81,029 (Rupees six crores, thirty lakhs, eighty-one thousand and twenty-nine Rupees) to the Central Government from the budgeted amount for the year 1957-58 being unable to spend ?

(b) If so, how much money each Department had to surrender and what is the reason for surrendering the amount ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Public Works Department had surrendered a sum of rupees two crores, seven lakhs, sixty thousand, six hundred and seventy-three in the year 1957-58 ?

(d) If so, what is the reason for such surrender while most of the roads and buildings of the State are either half constructed or incomplete ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied:

265. (a) & (b)—No. Surrenders are made from the provision in the State's budget by the Controlling Officers to the Finance Department who after acceptance communicate the same to Audit. These figures of surrenders include surrenders from provision made for Development Schemes which enjoy Central Assistance in the form of Grant and/or loans from the Government of India. Government of India sanction the loans and grants on the basis of progress of actuals, viz., first nine month's actual expenditure and three month's probable expenditure. Details of surrenders from provisions for such schemes sub-head-wise with reasons will be placed on the Library Table by the 30th August, 1958. (Please see Library Register No. S.74).

No. The Public Works Department made surrenders to the extent of Rs.2,93,94,337 namely:—

	Rs.
Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)	2,07,60,673
Public Works Department (Flood Control) ...	86,33,664
Total	<u>2,93,94,337</u>

The surrenders by Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) were mainly due to non-finalisation of sites for certain buildings and late receipt of Administrative approval, slow progress of certain new works and petty savings after completion.

Savings also accrued due to non-finalisation of land acquisition proceedings and non-selection of sites. The surrenders by Public Works Department (Flood Control) was due to non-payment of land acquisition cost for want of information from Civil Authority. Savings also accrued owing to late receipt of allocation from Government of India, non-execution of Palashbari new township because of the stay order by the Hon'ble High Court and completion of Dibrugarh, Protection Works at lesser cost in the year 1957-58, as there was much better progress than anticipated towards the end of 1956-57.

The details reasons sub-head-wise will be available in the copy of the Statement to be placed on the Library Table by 30th August, 1958.

**Amalgamation of the Medical Departments with the
Public Health Departments Mutual exchange
of the Doctors**

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

266. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) For how many years trial was given before amalgamation of the Medical and Public Health Departments was finalised and since when this scheme has been given effect to ?
- (b) Whether it is possible, after amalgamation, to post doctors of the public health in medical side and *vice-versa* ?
- (c) If so, how many doctors from the medical have been posted in the public health side and *vice-versa* ?
- (d) If the reply to question (c) is in the negative, what is the reason for not doing so ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that after amalgamation these posts are interchangeable ?
- (f) What has happened to the former D. M. O. Hs. and S. D. M. O. Hs. ?
- (g) Have they been demoted ?

- (h) Whether in the amalgamated set up the existing Civil Surgeons and Subdivisional Medical Officers are qualified enough to hold the charge of the districts and subdivisions ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that W. H. O. and Health Directorate of India have given directives regarding the qualifications of District and Subdivisional Officers ?
- (j) If so, what are these qualifications ?
- (k) How the seniority of the incumbents fixed after amalgamation ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that doctors of the Public Health have been badly affected ?
- (m) If so, how Government propose to remove the injustice ?
- (n) Whether during the interim period of amalgamation anyone specially officiating Civil Surgeon has been confirmed ?
- (o) If so, was it not against the spirit of amalgamation and trial during the interim period ?
- (p) Whether it is a fact that these post haste confirmations were done to deny the legitimate claims of the incumbents of the Public Health Department in the amalgamated set up ?

267. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he has received complaints against the hospital authorities of the Medical College as to the diet served to the patients ?
- (b) Whether there is any check on the diets served ?
- (c) If so, who is the officer responsible for this ?

268. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What amount was spent for equipping the University Hospital at Jhalukbari and other extra beds attached to the Civil Hospital, Gauhati ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that beds and equipments worth Rs.26,000 was obtained from one concern named Standard Pharmaceutical and Surgical, Ltd. ?
- (c) Whether tenders were called for the indents ?
- (d) Who place the indents ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that mattresses and other articles supplied were not up to specifications ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)
replied:

266. (a)—The two Departments, *viz.*, Medical and Public Health were amalgamated at the top with effect from 1st October 1953, and the result of this interim arrangement being both encouraging and satisfactory, it was decided to amalgamate both the Departments in all levels at a meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 20th September, 1957 and accordingly it was given effect to from 9th November, 1957, *i. e.*, the date of issue of Government resolution No.MMD.125/53.

(b), (c), (d), & (e)—With the amalgamation of both the Departments there remains no difference between a Public Health Department dispensary and a Medical Department dispensary. All officers of both the Departments have been brought to one cadre, each class of Officers forming one combined cadre. So, the question of posting of a Public Health side doctor to a Medical side dispensary and *vice-versa* does not arise. The question of interchange of personnel also, therefore, does not arise.

(f)—Assistant Surgeons Grade I (Sr.) of Medical Department and their counterparts District Medical Officers of Health of Public Health Department and Assistant Surgeon Grade I (Jr.) of both the Medical and Public Health Departments have been brought to one combined cadre called "Assam Health Services". Assistant Surgeons Grade II of both Medical and Public Health Departments and Subdivisional Medical Officers of Health and Urban Health Officers of the Public Health Departments have formed a combined cadre, *viz.*, "Assam Health Services (Junior)".

(g)—No.

(h)—Yes. They are all qualified and experienced officers.

(i)—We have received no such directives.

(j)—Does not arise.

(k)—The seniority of the incumbents in all grades of services—Executive and Ministerial, on amalgamation has been fixed as below:—

(1) The date of confirmation in the respective cadre in case of permanent incumbents.

(2) The date of joining in the respective cadre in case of temporary incumbents.

(l)—No.

(m)—Does not arise.

(n)—The following Civil Surgeons and their counterparts in Public Health, *viz.*, Assistant Directors of Public Health have been confirmed during the period from 1st October 1953 to 20th September, 1957.

Civil Surgeons

Date with effect from
which confirmed.

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| 1. Dr. J. N. Chakrabarty | 25th February, 1954. |
| 2. Dr. G. K. Das ... | 1st February, 1955. |
| 3. Dr. M. Ahmed ... | 1st July, 1955. |
| 4. Dr. M. N. Sarma ... | 1st July, 1955. |
| 5. Dr. A. T. Mukherjee | 1st March, 1956. |
| 6. Dr. S. Buragohain ... | 1st July, 1956. |

Assistant Directors of Public Health

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Dr. A. B. Roy ... | 8th April, 1957. |
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(o)—No.

(p)—No.

267. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. For proper checking of the diets served to the patients there is standing orders issued by the Superintendent to the staffs in-charge diet.

(c)—There is a chain of people responsible for checking of diets.

268. (a)—Rs.22,005 (Rupees twenty-two thousand and five only).

(b)—After obtaining quotations from various firms, orders were placed with the Standard Surgical Company worth Rs.22,005 whose quotations were the lowest.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The Civil Surgeon and D. M. O. H., Kamrup, Gauhati.

(e)—Some articles were not found up to the specification and as such the firm was asked to replace them and the firm replaced the rejected articles before the final payment was made.

Halts of the Officers under Community Projects ; questioned especially of Panitola N. E. S. Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

269. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to furnish the following—

(a) The number of night halts done by the Assistant Project Executive Officers, Panitola N. E. S. Block month by month since his posting at Panitola ?

(b) The number of night halts done by different Extension Officers month by month such as Veterinary, Agriculture, Co-operative, etc., posted in Panitola N. E. S. Block since the date of their posting there ?

(c) The number of night halts done by Social Education Organisers posted at Panitola N.E.S. Block since the date of their joining ?

- (d) The number of night halts done by different Gram Sevaks month by month posted at Panitola N.E.S. Block since the date of their joining ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that night halts are not done by the different officers of Panitola N. E. S. Block as per the Standing Order given by the Government ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

269. (a) to (e)--Information is being collected.

Number of night halts by the Assistant Project Officers, Extension Officers and Social Educational organisers questioned

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

270. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state the following—

- (a) Whether he would furnish the following informations in respect of Joypore, Tengakhat and Dhemaji, National Extension Service Blocks in Dibrugarh Subdivision?
- (i) The number of night halts by Assistant Project Executive Officers or Project Executive Officers month by month since the month of October 1956 ?
- (ii) The number of night halts done by the different Extension Officers such as Agriculture, Veterinary, Medical, Co-operative and other officers month by month since the month of October 1956 ?
- (iii) The number of night halts done by Social Education Organisers month by month since the month of October 1956 ?
- (iv) The number of night halts done by different Gram Sevaks month by month since the month of October 1956 ?
- (b) Whether most of the officers have not done their night halts according to the Standing Order of the Government ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

270. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

Mauza-wise expenditure incurred by different Mauzas asked to be shown

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

271. Will the Minister in-charge of Community Development be pleased to place on the Library Table a Mauza-wise of expenditure incurred in 5 different Mauza under the head (i) Communication, (ii) Education, (iii) Social Education (iv) Agriculture (v) Rural Health and Sanitation, (vi) Irrigation and Reclamation and (vii) Rural Arts and Crafts by the Tengakhat National Extension Service and Community Development Blocks since its inception in 1953.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Project) replied:

271. Information is being collected.

Peripatetic Scheme for Training in Knitting Sewing, etc

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katoni gaon) asked:

272. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is a peripatetic Scheme for Training in Knitting, Sewing, etc.

(b) If so, when it has been started ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that in the *Assam Tribune* of 12th March, 1958 advertisement was issued that applications for undergoing the aforesaid training will be received by the office of the Director of Cottage Industries on or before 15th March, 1958 and the course will begin from 1st March, 1958 ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that in such cases it was not possible for the candidates residing in the villages to take the advantage ?

- (e) Whether the Minister-in-charge will be pleased to investigate the matter and ensure the House that such cases will not recur in future ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that a girl who was deputed by the Department of Cottage Industries to Delhi for further training has been refused by the Central authority there as she can understand neither English nor Hindi ?
- (g) What are the minimum qualification of the Trainees who are sent to Delhi for higher training in the above mentioned subjects ?
- (h) Whether any test or interview is taken for selection of candidates ?
- (i) How many trainees are sent yearly from Assam ?
- (j) Whether the service of the trainees are utilised by Government ?

273. Will the Minister, Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Bokota Sevasram in Sibsagar Subdivision lately took Rs.15,000 from Government for soap making?
- (b) Whether the money has been utilised for this purpose ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries) replied :

272. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In December, 1956.

(c)—The notification was issued from office on 3rd March, 1958 fixing the last date for receiving the applications on 15th March 1958. The course was to open on 1st April, 1958 and not on 1st March, 1958 which may be a printing mistake. The Director of Information and publicity issued the advertisement on 8th March 1958 but the press could not publish it till 12th March, 1958 probably due to want of space.

(d)—The Department in fact gave 12 days, which should have been sufficient normally.

(e)—The matter has been looked into. Longer time will be given in future as circumstances may need.

(f)—The girl deputed for the training was a tribal girl who read upto class IX and so knew English but not Hindi. As the lectures were conducted in Hindi, she could not follow and she was sent back. But the Director of the Training Institute reported that she could not understand English or Hindi which is not wholly correct.

(g)—The candidate should preferably be Matriculate holding diploma or certificate in Knitting and Embroidery with working knowledge of Hindi or English and simple arithmetic.

(h)—No test was held for selecting the trainee for the first batch. The candidate selected had passed out of her training in Embroidery and Knitting in 1st Division and so she was selected. Subsequent selections have been made on the basis of tests and interviews.

(i)—One.

(j)—As there is no passed out trainees as yet, the question has not arisen.

273. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Declaration of the Barpeta Subdivision as famine area

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

274. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state whether Barpeta Subdivision may be declared as a famine area due to failure of crops ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

274.—There is no question of declaring Barpeta Subdivision as a famine area.

Irregular payment of salaries to the doctors of the Subsidised Dispensaries

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West) asked:

275. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the doctors serving in the Subsidised Dispensaries are not getting their salaries regularly ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that they do not get their pay continually for 3 to 6 months ?

(c) If so, why ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that their scale of pay is inadequate to maintain their families ?

(e) Whether Government propose to take steps to remove the present difficulties of the doctors ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

275. (a) & (b)—Government have no information.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The doctors of the Subsidized Dispensaries are given Rs.80 per mensem. as subsidy, which is of course not sufficient to maintain their families.

(e)—Yes, as far as practicable.

Charing Dispensary of Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDR NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

276. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Charing Dispensary of Sibsagar Subdivision is running at present without a doctor ?

(b) When this Dispensary will be provided with a doctor ?

(c) Whether Government have later received petitions from the public of Charing to convert this Dispensary into a Primary Health Unit ?

(d) If so, when Government propose to convert the same Dispensary into a Primary Health Unit ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

276. (a)—An enquiry is being made.

(b)—The Civil Surgeon has been advised to take necessary steps.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—There is no proposal to convert it into a Primary Health Unit now.

Areas of Fishery Revenue for the Government Fisheries of the Barpeta Subdivision

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

277. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state whether all areas of fisheries Revenue for the Government fisheries of Barpeta Subdivision have been recovered from the lessees?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Revenue) replied:

277.—Not yet.

Criterion of the selection for the membership of Subdivisional Land Advisory Board ; Cases of Members of Legislative Assembly and Krishak Sava's representation considered

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West) asked :

278. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the basis of selections of the members of the Subdivisional Land Advisory Boards ?
- (b) Whether representatives of each of the recognised political parties are taken into the Boards ?
- (c) Whether there is any bar to include all the Members of Legislative Assembly of the respective Subdivisions in the said Board ?
- (d) If not, why some of the Members of Legislative Assembly have not been included in the Boards ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the All Assam Krishak Sava has submitted representation to Government to include representation of the respective Krishak Savas in the Subdivisional Land Advisory Board ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that this Krishak Sava is the affiliated Unit of the All India Kisan Sava, biggest Kisan organisation of the country ?

(g) Whether Government has taken any decision for inclusion of representatives of the Krishak Sava ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

278. (a)—The members of the Land Settlement Advisory Committees are selected from the leading persons of the sub-division including the Members of Legislative Assembly and other persons with an abiding interest in land and in the public welfare.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

(d)—There is no hard and fast rule that all Members of Legislative Assembly in the district are to be included in the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, but generally they are included.

(e)—Government have not received any such representation from the All Assam Kisan Sabha.

(f)—Government is not aware.

(g)—No.

The proposed Oil Refinery in Assam

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

279. Will the Minister-in-charge of Major Industries, etc., be pleased to state—

(a) What will be the size and capacity of the proposed Oil Refinery in Assam ?

(b) Whether the site for installation of the proposed Refinery is finally selected ?

(c) Whether some expert teams have already examined some sites for location of the Refinery ?

(d) If so, which is the best site in their opinion ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister for Major Industries) replied :

279. (a)—The decision of the Government of India regarding the size and the capacity of the Refinery has not been intimated to us.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes, an expert team has visited three sites at North Gauhati, Jogighopa and Kokrajhar and has collected various data and information.

(d)—The recommendation of the expert team has not yet been received.

Tribal Block and Tribal Belt areas in the Nowgong District

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

280. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) How many Tribal Block or Tribal Belt areas are there in the District of Nowgong ?

(b) Whether there is any non-tribal occupiers in any of the Blocks or Belts ?

(c) If so, what communities these settlers belong to and how long they are occupying ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that mass encroachment in recent years have been made in these Blocks or Belts particularly in Dublong Lanka area ?

(e) If so, what steps are being taken to protect the Tribal interest in the Blocks or the Belts ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

280. (a)—12 Tribal Blocks.

(b)—Yes, here are.

(c)—Hindus, Muslims and others. They are residing in the Blocks from before the Blocks were constituted.

(d)—There has been no mass encroachment, but 21 persons in Bagariguri Tribal Block and 22 persons in Bordolong-Lankabheta Tribal Block are in unauthorised occupation of land.

(e)—They will be evicted.

**Land to the Flood and Erosion affected families
in the villages of Dalgaon Mauza**

Shri Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

281. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of flood and erosion affected families that have been settled with land in the village Bechimari, Alishinga, Janghal and Gandapuphure in the Dalgaon Mauza?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that many landless families have been evicted from the Dalgaon Mauza and no land has yet been given to them, and if so why?
- (c) Why Government have evicted many landless families from the Galandhihaba and Panbari Village Grazing Reserve since 1953 and whether it is a fact that nothing has been done to settle them with lands?
- (d) What measures have been taken so far to relieve the distress of the flood and erosion affected and other landless people who have been being so affected since 1950 in the Mangaldai Sub-division?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

281. (a)—105

(b)—There has been eviction from Grazing reserves, etc. in Dalgaon area, but Government have no information if any of them are landless.

(c)—Because Galandhihabi and Panbari and Golandi Bagicha are included in a P. G. R. which is reserved for grazing and not for cultivation. Government are always anxious to provide land to the genuine landless cultivators and settle land with them wherever land is available.

(d)—Flood and erosion affected people were temporarily allowed shelter in some V. G. Rs. and P. G. Rs. and the Land Settlement Advisory Committee appointed a sub-committee to examine and investigate where land is available for their settlement.

**Implementation of the recommendations of the
Plantation Enquiry Commission in
Bidyanagar Tea Estate**

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

282. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the recommendations of the Plantation Enquiry Commission in general and those of Dr. Glover in respect of Cachar Gardens in particular have been fully implemented in Bidyanagar Tea Estate while is under the management of Court of Wards ?

(b) If not, what were the items of recommendations that have been implemented in both the old and new cultivations of the said garden and the result achieved ?

(c) The number of SAU Trees with full details of varieties of leguminous Tribes planted in both in old and new cultivations of the said garden from 1955 to 1958 ?

(d) What is the percentage of "vacancies" of these in each case ?

(e) The kind of manure that was applied in the said garden during the aforesaid years ?

(f) Whether Government will lay on the table a statement showing the area pruned during, the present management and at what height the bushes were pruned at and what were the "vacancies" occurred at each operation ?

- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the first report sent to Government immediately after the assumption of office by the present Manager, i.e., between the 16th December, 1954 to 15th January, 1955 on the said garden ?
- (h) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the number of plants recorded in the books section by section both in the operations of pruning and forking ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that lands of the said garden had been given to some persons both for pan jhoom and alter shifting cultivations in the immediate vicinity of the tea area ?
- (j) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the order sanctioning settlement of lands to the employees of the said garden and else the approval thereof by competent authority ?
- (k) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving details of sizes of the dairy houses both for cows and goats and the size of poultry sheds in the Bungalow compounds of the said garden ?
- (l) What is the amount spent in building the shed and houses and who sanctioned these construction ?
- (m) Whether Government are aware that dry cows of high Government officials are kept and fed at Bidyanagar at the cost of the Estate ?
- (n) If not, whether Government will be pleased to make an inquiry into the matter ?
- (o) Whether owner of the garden has been kept in form from time to time, of the condition of the garden, and if so, what are the views of the owner on the above points ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

282.(a)—(o)—Materials for replies to the questions have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, and when received these will be forwarded to the M.L.A., concerned.

Salary paid to the old employees of the acquired Zamindary Estates in comparison to the salary of the newly appointed officers by the Government

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

283. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue (Settlement) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the old employees of the acquired Zamindary estates are paid salary at the old rate that prevailed in Zamindary whereas the newly appointed officers are getting higher scale of pay sanctioned by the Government ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the employees of the Mechpara Acquired Estate are debarred from the benefit of Provident Fund ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that employees of 'B' Mahal of Mechpara Estate are thrown out of employment when the said part of the Estate was handed over to Garo Hills District Council ?
- (d) If so, what is the number of such employees ?
- (e) What steps were taken by the Government to re-employ the discharged persons ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister in-charge of Revenue) replied:

283. (a)—Yes, the old employees of the Zamindary Estates were retained in their existing pay and allowances pending nationalisation of their pay scales by an interim schemes of management which is under active consideration of Government.

(b)—The employees of the Mechpara Acquired Estate used to get the benefit of contributory Provident Fund prior to acquisition but as they are now Government servants they will be entitled to participate in the General Provident Fund as soon as they are formally declared full-fledged Government servants.

(c)—Yes, with the exception of one Forester, two Forest Guards, one Tahsil Moharir and one Peon.

(d)—There were eleven employees in 'B' Mohal Mechpara Wards' Estate, out of which 5 have been employed by the District Council, Garo Hills—Tura. The following personnel are yet to be re-employed.

Forest Staff—Deputy Ranger—1. Forest Guards—3.

Tahsil Staff—Amin—1. Peon—1.

(e)—Deputy Commissioner, Garo Hills and Secretary, District Council, Tura have been requested to re-employ the ex-B Mahal staff as early as possible.

Loss caused by fire in Nalbari during 1956-58

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari west) asked:

284. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue (General) be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the loss caused by fire in Nalbari Than area during the period of 1956-58 ?
- (b) How many families were affected by that fire ?
(figures to be started Mauzawise)
- (c) What relief Government has granted to them ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the fire victims have approached the Government through local S. D. C. and Magistrate, Nalbari for C. I. Sheets ?
- (e) If so, how many of them have been given C. I. sheet ?
- (f) What is the number of fire victims who have made such approach for C. I. Sheets ?
- (g) Will their case be considered immediately ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

284. (a) to (g)—Information are being collected.

Sanction of non-recurring grant for the Satrasal Satra

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)

asked :

285. Will the Minister in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there was a sanction of Rs.5,000 as non-recurring grant for the Satrasal Satra in the district of Goalpara ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the amount could not be drawn due to non-receipt of the authority slip from the Accountant General's office and thereby the grant lapsed ?

(c) If so, whether the said grant will be renewed ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Satrasal Satra has not yet been given any recurring grant for its maintenance and management ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the people are moving Government in the matter from a long period but to no effect ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that due to the absence of the compensation officer at Dhubri the grant could not be sanctioned ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Revenue) replied:

285. (a)—Yes. There was a non-recurring grant of Rs.5,000 for re-construction of Sankardev Dham of Ram Raikhuthi Satra which is known as Satrasal Satra in the district of Goalpara.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The non-recurring grant of Rs.5,000 has since been renewed.

(d) to (f)—Yes. The Satra has not received any recurring grant until now. The people moved Government in the matter ; but due to the absence of compensation officer for sometime the annuity could not be assessed as yet. A new compensation officer has since been appointed and it is expected that the annuity will be assessed and paid in the near future.

Waste lands within the area of Dhemaji Thana

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

286. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) What is the unsurveyed area within Dhemaji Thana ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware or has received complaints to the effect that due to non-inspection of the areas by the Circle Sub-Deputy Collector the Lat Mandals and some land speculators have become the practical owner of all waste lands lying there?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that land Revenue is collected by some people for these waste lands without any patta, by which Government is deprived of the revenue and some unscrupulous persons are cheating the ignorant people?
- (d) Whether Government will survey the lands there and bring all waste lands under settlement immediately which will increase revenue as well as save the ignorant people from the hands of deceivers?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

286. (a)—Approximately 1,08,889 bighas.

(b)—No such complaint has been received.

(c)—Government are not aware of any such fact.

(d)—Survey work has been taken up and the work is progressing. Waste land available for settlement if discovered in course of survey will be settled with deserving people on application.

Teachers of Bidyanagar Tea Estate

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

287. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether teachers of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate are entitled to get fuel?
- (b) If so, what is the quantity allotted to them every month?
- (c) What is the quantity of tea given to the members of the staff for their own consumption?

(d) Whether it is a fact that money has been collected by the Manager Rashtrabhasha Vidyalaya ?

(e) If so, what is the amount and with whom it is lying and whether any receipt was issued to the persons from whom the money was collected ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that money has been collected by the Manager for Middle English School ?

(g) If so, what is the amount and with whom it is lying and whether any receipt was issued to the persons from whom the money was collected ?

(h) Whether the labourers contributed to these funds willingly or pressure was put on them by the Manager to contribute to these funds ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

287. (a) to (h)—Materials are being collected. On receipt of the same, M. L. A., concerned will be informed.

Annual average yield of tea per acre in Bidyanagar Tea Estates

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

288. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) The annual average yield of tea per acre in Bidyanagar Tea Estate from 1948 to 1957 ?

(b) The average cost of production per pound from 1948 to 1957 ?

(c) The average price of tea per pound from 1947 to 1957 ?

(d) The net profit or loss per pound of tea from 1948 to 1957 ?

(e) The total profit or loss every year from 1948 to 1957 ?

(f) The cost of fuel per maund from 1948 to 1957 ?

(g) Whether it is in conformity with the cost in other garden of the district of Cachar ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister Revenue) replied:

288. (a) to (g)—Materials are being collected. On receipt of the same, M. L. A., concerned will be informed.

Occupation of landless people North Lakhimpur since 1952, preparation of representation

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari west) asked:

289. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that about 30 Puras of alluvial land in between West of Dikrang river and East of North Trunk Road in the Subdivision of North Lakhimpur have been occupied by 15 landless Assamese Muslim families since 1952 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that certain section of people led by one Padma Kakati and others have moved the local Revenue Authority to make the area reserve for grazing ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, North Lakhimpur has ordered them to vacate the land without making any other alternative arrangement for them ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the people headed by Shri Bishnu Ram Bora, President, District Kishan Sava (North Lakhimpur) has represented the Government to give permanent Settlement of the land to the said Muslim families ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that there is a reserve for grazing on the other side of the river ?
- (f) Whether it is also a fact that representation has been made to the Chief Minister on 6th April 1958 by Shri Bishnu Ram Bora ?
- (g) If so, what is the decision taken by Government now ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

289. (a) to (g)—Information has been called for from the officer ?

Donation of land to Shri Gormuria Satradhikar invites explanation

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari west) asked :

290. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that about 646 bighas of land (within the boundary of East Pabhnai, West-Paita, North-Sonapur, Laluk and Trunk Road) in Laluk Mauza under North Lakhimpur Sub-division have been given to Shri Gormuria Satradhikar, a non-cultivator ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that annual patta for some lands has been issued to Shri Shri Satradhikar only during the year 1955-56 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some landless cultivators namely Shri Damodar Ahom, Shri Dhaneswar Sangmai, Shri Sisu Ram Sangmai, Kukheswar Bora, Maneswar Ahom, Dhanbor Bora, Ghana-shyam Ahom, Bohira Ahom, Budu Ram Ahom, Daya Ram Ahom, Umakanta Ahom, Bonda Ahom, Sombor Chetia and others are possessing a major part of the said land by clearing jungles and making the same fit for cultivation many years before the settlement made with Shri Satradhikar ?
- (d) Whether it is fact that the above named cultivators are still possessing the said land and their possessions have been uninterrupted and continuous ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the said cultivators raised objection and are still raising objection against issue of patta to Shri Shri Satradhikar ?
- (f) How can annual patta be issued to a men without possession ?
- (g) Why lands has been given to a non-cultivator when there are landless cultivators ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that some annual Pattas on the remaining portion of the land are being continually issued to some other cultivators who are in actual possession of the same ?

(i) Whether it is a fact that in spite of objections lodged by the said cultivator Patta-holders, periodic pattas have been ordered to be issued after accepting premium from Shri Shri Satradhikar ?

(j) If so, whether it is not in contravention of the standing order of the Government ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

290. (a) to (j)—Information has been called for from the local officer.

Question of profit and loss of Bidyanagar Tea Estate; representation of the Garden Panchayat

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

291. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Bidyanagar Tea Estate is incurring heavy loss every year ?

(b) What is the reason of the loss ?

(c) Whether Government have received any representation as to the reason of the loss during the period 1949 to 1958 ?

(d) If so, what are the main reasons of loss according to these representations ?

(e) Whether Government have also received representations in which serious charges of corruption have been levelled against the management regularly since 1949 till now ?

(f) Whether Government have received any representation of the same nature from the Bidyanagar Garden Panchayat ?

(g) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the representations received so far relating to matters referred to in (e) and (f) above ?

(h) Whether Government have made any enquiry in this connection ?

(i) If so, what result ?

(j) Whether Government have advanced any loan to the garden, if so, what is the amount advanced so far ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

291. (a)—It is not incurring heavy loss every year but incurred loss in some year.

(b)—The reasons for incurring loss are many such as slump in tea market, old age of the plantation, surplus labour population, etc.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Corruption among the Officers and the Staff ?

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Those representations have been sent for enquiry and are not available at present.

(h)—Government have ordered for an enquiry to the matter.

(i)—Report of the enquiry has not yet been sent.

(j)—About eight lacks of rupees.

Estimate of the inspecting team of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

292. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government recently sent an inspecting team to the Bidyanagar Tea Estate to enquire into the affairs of the said garden ?

(b) What was the main object of sending the inspecting team ?

(c) What is the expenditure incurred in sending the team ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report of the said team ?

(e) Whether the Garden Panchayat requested the Government to include the name of the questioner in the inspecting team and whether his name was included ?

(f) If so, what were the reasons of non-inclusion of his name ?

(g) Who were the members of the inspecting team and what were the main considerations in including their names in the inspecting team ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

292. (a)—Yes.

(b)—To enquire into the general working of the garden with a view to finding out the ways and means for its economic improvement.

(c)—About Rs. 900.

(d)—The report is under consideration of Government.

(e) & (f)—Yes. The name of the questioner was not included since he was not considered to be an expert on the line.

(g)—Sri J. P. Chaliha, (ii) Sri H P. Baruah. They were considered to be experts on the line.

Wages of the workers of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

293. (a) Whether it is a fact that the labourers of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate are not getting their wages regularly and that they received their wages on the 11th July, 1958 after 3 (Three weeks) ?

(b) What is the reason of non-payment of their wages regularly ?

(c) What is the number of the labourers and their dependents who have neither land nor any other source of income other than their wages ?

- (d) Whether Government are aware that a large number of labourers faced starvation during the period in which the management failed to pay their wages ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that some of these workers specially female workers fainted while working in the plantation because of starvation ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Garden Panchayat approached the Manager to procure foodstuff on credit and to supply them the same to have labourers from starvation ?
- (g) Whether the Manager procured any foodstuffs and supplied the same to the labourers ?
- (h) If not, why not ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that the question requested the Manager to extend transport facilities to him to bring rice from Karimganj ?
- (j) If so, whether the Manager extended transport facilities to him ?
- (k) If not, why not ?
- (l) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the letter, dated the 3rd July, 1958 written by the questioner to the Manager in the respect ?
- (m) Whether Government are aware that because of the failure of the management either to pay their wages or to supply foodstuff to them there was discontent among the labour force and the questioner saved the situation by supplying rice to them ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

293. (a) to (m)—Materials are being collected. On receipt of the same, the Member of Legislative Assembly concerned will be informed.

Question of Inspecting team and the content of the telegram discussed

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

294. (a) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the telegram, dated the 9th July, 1958 despatched by the Manager of Bidyanagar Tea Estate to the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar ?
- (b) What are the mischief mongers referred to in the telegram in question and what were the mischiefs according to the allegation of the Manager ?
- (c) Whether the inspecting team took the garden Panchayat into confidence ?
- (d) If not, why not ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware of the expert view that if the corruption in the garden is checked and unnecessary expenditure is avoided the garden might get profit every year ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that the Labour Inspector visited the garden on the 9th July 1958 ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the findings of the Labour Inspector ?
- (h) Whether Government will be pleased to set up an enquiry committee immediately to investigate into the serious charges levelled against the management of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate and to submit their report to the Government at an early date ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

294. (a) to (h)—Materials are being collected on receipt of the same, the Member of Legislative Assembly concerned will be informed.

Land Settlement Plan of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

295. (a) Whether the present land settlement plan of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate is in conformity with the general procedure adopted in all gardens in Cachar ?
- (b) Whether the garden area and the garden Zamin-dary area were cut off from the parent institution for the better and more efficient management of the garden and the labour force ?
- (c) The number of representations and complaints received from the garden Panchayat from time to time bringing to the notice of the Government of *benami* settlements depriving the labour force to the interests of the management instead of the Estate ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the order of Shri R. B. Vagaiwalla, the then Deputy Commissioner, Cachar to distribute the land equally to all labourers ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the list of the labourers who termed as encroachers on the Khas land and against whom cases were filed in the court and some cases are still pending in the court ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the list of the labourers from whom lands have been taken and also the area of the land against each name ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the list of the persons to whom lands have been allotted and also the area of the land against each name ?
- (h) What is the rate of the premium charged for these lands ?

- (i) Whether this land settlement plan of the Bidyanagar Tea Estate has been approved by the Revenue Department ?
- (j) If not, who is responsible for formulating this plan ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that the persons from whom the lands have been taken were prepared to pay the premium charged and that they submitted formal applications for the same ?
- (l) If so, why these persons were not given settlement of the lands ?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that some outsiders have also filed cases against the garden labourers ?
- (n) If so, who are the persons and what are the complaints against the labourers ?
- (o) Whether these outsiders are in any way connected or benefitted by the management ?
- (p) What is the area of the land termed as Khas land by the management in Konagram, Amarkhal, Chumatigool, Bidyanagar and Chamtiki ?
- (q) Whether any permission has been obtained from the Government to treat these areas as Khas lands ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

295. (a) to (q)—Materials are being collected on receipt of the same the Member of Legislative Assembly concerned will be informed.

Approval for the Kendukona-Changsari Road ; delay in work and public difficulties

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

296. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state —

- (a) When the approval of the Government was sought for starting the work of Kendukona-Changsari Road which was taken over by the Public Works Department in 1956 from Petrol Tax Programme and a sum of Rs. 22,000 was earmarked for the purpose ?

- (b) Whether the Minister is aware that no repair or improvement of the road has been done for the last four years by any agency and the road has been completely damaged and public have been subjected to great inconveniences for non-construction of the bridges and discontinuance of the ghats of the rivers on the road ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to look to these difficulties ?
- (d) When the approval of the Government of India can be expected to be received ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

296. (a)—The Public Works Department have not yet taken over the road. Only a proposal for taking up about 2.25 miles of the road at a cost of Rs. 22,000 out of 9.75 miles has been included in the Additional Road Development Programme to be financed out of Central Road Fund (Petrol Tax Funds) as recommended by the Assam Roads Communication Board. The Programme has been submitted to the Government of India on 10th December 1957 for their approval. But, no approval has so far been received, in spite of several reminders ?

(b)—The road has not yet been taken over by Public Works Department, as stated in (a) above, and as such no informations can be given by the Government about this.

(c)—Does not arise at present.

(d)—It entirely depends upon Government of India.

Speaker's statement regarding large number of Questions which remained unanswered at the end of the session

Mr. SPEAKER : The question hour is over now. The hon. Members' attention is drawn to Rule 47 of the rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly that any starred questions which remain unanswered on the last day of the session, replies to such questions shall be circulated to the members, and such replies shall form part of the proceedings of the last day. So the hon. Members will take care to see that those questions which are left out are in other as they would be included in the proceedings of the House.

The hon. Member Shri Durgeswar Saikia has put supplementary question to the Speaker which has created a convention for this House. I should be grateful to him for that supplementary question which creates a problem for these House and which needs a solution also. For this purpose I require the co-operation from the Government and also from the hon. Members of this House. Those questions which were put by the hon. Members during the last session of the Assembly and which were meant to be replied had been included in the proceedings of the House.

This time, for the information of the hon. Members of the House, I would like to say that we had so far 338 questions. Out of these 247 questions have been replied, *i. e.*, 71.1 per cent of the questions have been replied to. But the main difficulty for not having opportunities on the part of the hon. Members to put supplementaries to all the questions is that the questions meant to be put by the hon. Members come to the Assembly Secretariat at the end of the session. Therefore the hon. Members could not put supplementaries to some of the starred questions. I may expect that with the co-operation of the hon. Members we shall be able to find a solution to this matter. As I have said, it is not my intention to interject that 'why not' but 'how'. For the information of the hon. Members I would like to say that the Governor was pleased to issue a summon for having a session of the Assembly on the 15th of July 1958. On the 16th of July, 1958. We requested the hon. Members to send their questions to be put and resolutions and bills to be introduced during the session of the Assembly. Our difficulty has been that this session is a short session and most of the questions has been received late by the Assembly Secretariat. Therefore, there was hardly any time. Even it did not cover eight days' time instead of a period of ten days notice which is to be given to the hon. Members to send their questions.

Then there has been another difficulty. Three days from the present session of the Assembly have been curtailed. Therefore many questions which would have been put in those three days has to be put today. So, as I have said, for this basic difficulty it is not the intention to apportion the blame on anyone, but to find a solution to it.

I think, the hon. Members will do well if they send their questions ahead of time and in consultation with Government we would request them to expedite the replies. But the basic difficulty has been that so far as these questions are concerned, due to shortness of the duration of the Session most of the questions could not be put.

I do not know when the next session of the Assembly will be held. (*A voice*—there will be a session very soon for 13 days). I am told that a session next time will be held for 13 days and then the hon. Members of this House will get 10 days' time to send their questions. So I would request the hon. Members not to leave with an impression that their questions were not put. At some length when the Assembly is meeting again we may be able to find a solution to this vexed problem.

Complaints for late submission and non-receipt of replies to questions.

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, replies to the questions I put, the answer was not given properly.....

(At this stage many of the hon. Members wanted to rise from their seat and intervene).

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, Order. Individually the hon. Members should be not put any supplementary questions now. If the hon. Members feel that the answer is not correct, he should ascertain the correctness or otherwise from the Minister concerned.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): মই অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰো যে মই এইবাৰ Assembly লৈ ৪৫টা প্ৰশ্ন পঠিয়াইছিলো তাৰ ভিতৰত মাত্ৰ ৩৮টা প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ আজিয়েই দিছে। আগষ্টৰ ২ তাৰিখলৈকে প্ৰশ্ন খুজিছিল আৰু ঠিক সময়তে মই প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক পঠিয়াইছিলো—এই বোৰ খেলিমেলিৰ বিষয়ে জনালো। তাৰ পাচত ১০১ টা resolution ৰ ভিতৰত মাত্ৰ ১০ টা মানহে moved হ'ল; গতিকে ইমানবোৰ resolution পঠিওৱাৰ পৰা আমাৰ কি লাভ হ'ল? এই বিষয়টোৰ প্ৰতিও অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিলো।

(Many hon. Members at this stage also wanted to speak at a time).

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, Order. I do not think that this matter should be agitated on the floor of this House for the very simple reason that we have a Business Advisory Committee for the House. The hon. Members will appreciate that the hon. Members this time could not get a very long time to put their questions. We should be unanimous that we should give more time, as I have said, to this primary problem of putting questions and bringing resolutions, etc.

Shri BIMALAPRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I make a statement with regard to these questions ?

Sir, from the side of the Government we have been trying our best to attend to these questions as far as possible. I hope the hon. Members will appreciate that in the last Budget Session and also during this session the position with regard to the replies given to the questions put by the hon. Members of this House has shown some improvement. So I would like to submit that if the hon. members really desire to achieve the object there should be co-operation from all sides. From the side of the Government we can assure that it would be our earnest endeavour to fully co-operate with the hon. Members of this House in this matter.

In this connection, Sir, I would also like to submit that there are large number of questions which are only repetitions of some questions and those questions took a long time to give replies to them. Therefore, Sir, in admitting questions of the hon. Members if this fact is kept in view, the work will considerably lessen. I can assure the hon. Members of this House that it would be our earnest endeavour to give our best with regard to this matter.

Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, regarding my questions I want to draw your attention that one question which I put in the Budget Session of the Assembly has been.....

Mr. SPEAKER: All these individual questions cannot be taken up now in the House. Let the hon. Member ascertain the matter from the hon. Minister in-charge.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, it was pointed out by my office that some of the questions which were not meant for this session are referred to here.

Questions Nos.66, 67 and 68, these are not meant for this session, but they were sent here by mistake.

Mr. SPEAKER: You mean to say that instead of sending the replies to the hon. Members concerned as allowed, under the rules, these were sent to my office ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: Yes, Sir, that is the position.

Shri KHAGENDRA NATH BORBARUAH (Amguri): Sir, may I request that the replies to these unreplics Unstarred Questions will be sent to the home addresses of hon. Members ?

Mr. SPEAKER: Government can do that.

U JOR MANICK SYIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Sir, may I know the reason why those questions which were admitted first are not given here ? I find that the first question which was admitted in not found here, instead the socond question is given. What is the reason for this ?

Mr. SPEAKER: All the details regarding questions can only be discussed with my Establishment and not here

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi): What steps are taken to supply us direct answers ?

Mr. SPEAKER: When Government give the replies to questions they give them in the confidence that they are the correct ones, if the hon. Members find in some cases they were not so, he can elicit further information here by means of supplementaries. I can only admit questions as hon. Members send them to my office provided they are in accordance with the rules, but I have no time nor the authority to change the questions or alter the replies.

House Committee

Mr. SPEAKER: Now, under rule 312, I nominate the following hon. Members to form the House Committee—

- (1) Shri Dandeswar Hazarika.
- (2) Shri Ramnath Sarma.
- (3) Shrimati Padma Kumari Gohain.
- (4) Shri Hakim Chandra Rabha.
- (5) Shri Tajammul Ali Barlaskar.
- (6) Shri U Jormanick Syiem.

Shri Dandeswar Hazarika will be the Chairman of this Committee.

**Calling attention to matters of urgent Public Importance
under Assembly Rule 50 regarding the growing
problem in the Gauhati University**

Mr. SPEAKER: There is calling to attention motion under Rules 54 and 50. Under the rules only two can be discussed, one under rule 54 and another under rule 50. Now, I will call upon Shri Hareswar Goswami to speak, his motion comes first under rule 50.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Education regarding a growing problem in the Gauhati University. Sir, it is known to this House that about 1,500 students read in the Gauhati University which is located at Jhalukbari a place about 7 miles away from Gauhati Town. In the University campus itself there is hostel accommodation only for about 300 students and about 1,200 students have to stay at Gauhati and have to take the journey from Gauhati to Jhalukbari and back. Sir, these 1,200 students have to stay at Gauhati in messes or in private houses. It is known to the House also that for sometime back housing problem at Gauhati has become very acute. The students have to bear extra expenditure because they have to stay in messes or in private houses therefore they have to pay more than what they would have paid in a hostel. Secondly, they have to go from Gauhati to Jhalukbari and back for which they have to spend quite a big amount as transport cost. Therefore, I would draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to this growing problem, rather a very complex problem of accommodation of these students. Secondly Sir, there is also the transport problem. Only 4 buses ply between Gauhati and Jhalukbari for carrying these University students—now I understand 2 more buses have been placed and this makes 6. But even then, 31 trips were made every day from 9 in the morning to 9 at night by these buses and during that period they can carry only about 1,000 people. Now, during the peak period between 9 A.M. and 12 noon about 1,500 people have to be carried from Gauhati to Jhalukbari. The result is that most of the students cannot go by buses and teachers too cannot go, so there is delay and as a result of this delay either the students miss their classes or the teachers have to ask for casual leave for the day. This is really a serious problem. Therefore, I want to draw the attention of both the Hon'ble Ministers for Education as well as for Transport to the growing problem I have stated. Unless something is done for giving accommodation to the students either

inside Jhalukbari or at Gauhati. If at Gauhati, sufficient means of transport should be provided to enable the students to go to Jhalukbari in time and attend their classes, otherwise they will suffer in the prosecution of their studies. Therefore, I draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister in-charge to this growing problem and I hope he will give us his reply as well as take steps to remove these difficulties.

***Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education):**

Sir, I thank the hon. Member for raising this question on the floor of the House not that the Education Department or the Transport Department of the Government of Assam are not alive to this problem. An unfortunate situation has arisen out of paucity of hostel accommodation to our University students in the University campus. But it is well that this point should be focussed and all concerned should be alerted. Sir, we all know that the University was established in an area without much hospitality from accommodation standpoint. Now Sir, with the shifting of the offices of the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar the situation has grown very acute. It is not possible to build hostels with the same speed with which the proportion of students is increasing, but I think something must be done and if necessary temporary hostels will have to be built. But then, it would also be possible to give the temporary hostels within a very short time. For the present session it is difficult to say how we can ameliorate the conditions of the students. As the hon. Member himself has said the Gauhati University is situated at a distance of 7 miles from the town which itself is extremely congested. It is unfortunate that not much help can be rendered immediately for these students who do not get accommodation and who are compelled to live in environments which are not healthy for growing students.

Sir, the Transport Department has been doing of late all that it could do. Firstly, the Department itself is short of vehicles. Twelve vehicles are on the way but it will take sometime for them to reach Assam. Presently there are 6 vehicle, I mean buses, plying between 9 A. M. and 9.45 P. M. making a total of 31 trips every day. These trips are not enough, therefore the Transport Department is arranging to issue special permits to private bus owners, *i. e.*, the city buses. Permits will be issued to these parties who agree to grant concession rate to students. Sir, in the University campus itself we have got accommodation

only for 300 students. With hot haste another hostel has been built up with provision for electricity, water supply etc., and perhaps it is under occupation. One more hostel is expected to be completed within 3 or 4 months. It may take sometime, but I have instructed some-one of the Department to go to Calcutta, if necessary to collect the materials. We should not be stringy about money and it would be constucted early. Uptil now 82 lakhs of rupees has already been given to the University. The grant has been increased from rupees six lakhs to rupees ten lakh per annum. Only last week a further sum of rupees five lakhs has been given as non-recurring grants for buildings, etc. The State Government is doing its best to assist the University. After all in the State we have got only this one University wherein are shaping the future of our State. So I assure the Hon. Member that this Government will leave nothing undone within its power to implement it.

**Calling attention to matter of urgent Public Importance
under Assembly rule 50 regarding rapid
erosions by Jiabhorali**

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Jiabhorali river is a river of sorrow. She has uptil now washed away more than 40 villages and about 4,000 bighas of a rable land. In remote past her course was by the side of the Tezpur town. She has left that course now. There is a dead channel now known as Morabhoreli which in rains forms itself into a living channel and flows into the Brahmaputra.

Before independence, no protective measures were taken. After independence, some wooden spurs were constructed on the eastern bank of the river. These spurs used to do some service for some time. But some of them were outflanked and washed away. I have the latest report from the Secretary, District Congress Committee to the effect that heavy erosion is going on the East bank of the river, and spur Nos. 1 and 3 were completely washed away and others have been partially damaged. All protection work has failed. I may be permitted to read out the contents of the telegram from the Secretary, D. C. C., dated 27th of this month. If these spurs go, then the whole of the Jama-ruri area comprising four Mauzas *viz.*, Murhadal, Chilabandha, Nagsankar, Barbhagia, with a population numbring about a lakh and arable lands about 50 thousand acreas would be washed away on the east bank. One the west bank also there has been constant crosion since some years past and several villages and several thousand bighas of arable lands were washed away.

Once our present Governor of Assam visited this area known as Panchmile comprising Bihiagaon and other villages, inhabited mostly by immigrants who are known to be very good cultivators and saw the plight of the people whose hearths and homes were washed away and donated Rs. 5,000 towards the relief of the affected people. These people could not be rehabilitated uptill now. No protective works have been undertaken on this side of the river uptill now. If this erosion continues and no protection work is undertaken, then the Jiabhorali would in very near future meet with the old channel Marabharelli. If this comes to pass then about 50 villages would be washed away and the Tezpur town would be threatened.

So, Sir, it is high time that immediate steps should be taken by the Government to check the erosion by undertaking more effective measures against erosion such as stone—revetments and the like on both the banks so that thousands of lives and properties worth several crores of rupees and vast areas of arable lands may be saved and an unprecedented catastrophe avoided.

I beg to suggest in this connection that this being the best time to examine and study the situation, the Minister-in-charge would be pleased to visit the area with experts after this session of the Assembly and appreciate the gravity of the situation and take necessary action.

With these few words, Sir, I commend my suggestions for the favourable consideration of the Government.

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHAYA (Gohpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the motion moved by my Friend Shri Mohi Kanta Das. Sir, the erosion caused on both the banks of Jiabhorali has caused immense damage to the people. As a result of the furious bank cutting during these days it has become more disastrous during these days. Thousands of bighas of arable land and land for habitation have been swallowed up by the river. Thousands of families have become homeless in the Subdivision of Tezpur, by this unfortunate state of affairs. Some families of course have been rehabilitated. Many more are waiting for further relief and rehabilitation from Government. Sir, the erosion is continuing in the western part of the river, affecting the villages Bihiagaon, Mevehadal etc. The hardship of the people living in these

villages are knowing no bounds. Immediate relief and rehabilitation from the Government should be given to relieve the people from this distress. Sir, for this purpose, a deputation consisting of 3 Members from Tezpur Subdivision waited on the Chief Minister and Ministers for Finance, Public Works Department and Embankment and Drainage on the 28th last. I request the Chief Minister and other Ministers concerned to go to the places and see the troubles for themselves and take effective steps for checking the erosion and ameliorating the condition of the people who are suffering a great deal. I request the Government to be more alert at this time and take more effective steps in this connection. With these few words, Sir, I support the motion of my Friend Shri Das.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, E. & D.): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am extremely grateful to my Friends Shri Mohikanta Das and Shri Upadhaya for calling attention of the Government to this matter.

Sir, the river Jibhoralali has been eroding its banks more particularly the left bank, for some years past. An estimate amounting to Rs. 2,64,000 was sanctioned originally to provide temporary protection by means of tree groynes to save the Jamuguri area under the Flood Control Programme. A length of about 3,400 ft. was completed near Morankuri Village before the flood season in 1955, at a cost of about Rs. 75,000. This temporary palliative, however, did not prove a complete success, as having held the bank for sometime it gave way during the on-slaught of heavier floods. The position was, therefore, reviewed, and it became apparent that if the bank was to be successfully held, a more durable and stronger type of work was called for. The then Chief Engineer, Flood Control Shri Balwant Singh Nag, inspected the eroded bank of the river on 23rd August 1955 and gave instructions for collecting certain data. It was observed during the inspection that the river had been moving eastwards for over half a century and had shifted laterally $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 miles in a length of 6 to 7 miles along the river. It was also observed that there was no serious problem of flooding from the Bhorelli, which was causing destruction mostly by erosion and by shifting its courses. Spilling mostly occurs in the lower reaches on both banks from Tezpur-Jamuguri Road to its outfall into the Brahmaputra. Higher up, say, upto Colder Ghat it spills mainly on the western bank. From Colder Ghat to Buragaon Tea Garden it spills only on the western side. It was observed that the channel of

the Bhorelli is reasonably stable near the mouth of the Bordikroi and has no appreciable tendency to shift. The site was again visited by the then Chief Engineer, Flood Control on 31st October 1955 when the details of the design were finalised after studying the data which the Executive Engineer, Central Embankment and Drainage Division had collected.

An estimate amounting to Rs. 11.79 lakhs was then prepared in supersession of the estimate amounting to Rs. 2,64,000 approved previously.

It was observed that the left bank was being attacked in three separate reaches. Protection works were therefore proposed as under :

(i) Near Silonipamghat from the confluence of Bordikroi down stream for a length of about 2 miles.

(ii) At Daflagarh opposite Jamuguri for a length of about one mile.

(iii) At Mornakuri village for the length of about 1 mile.

The protective works comprised of Nahar pile spurs about 100 ft. long each spaced about one furlong apart in the above reaches and other anti-erosion measures.

During the three years, *i. e.*, from 1953 to 1955, the erosion on the left bank, as reported by the Revenue Department, was to the extent of 1,410 bighas valued at about Rs. 4.25 lakhs.

There was erosion on the right bank also in September 1955. It took place in two places at Bihiagaon.

The protection works consist of 15 timber pile spurs at Silonipamghat and 10 spurs at Mornakuri and also some bamboo spurs at Daflagarh where the attack was less severe. The spurs constructed during 1955-56 had stood the 1956 floods successfully and silt deposition had occurred in the protected reaches. These spurs were designed for a maximum flow of 1,50,000 cusecs in the Jiaborali. But floods of unprecedented magnitude occurred in September 1957 when the recorded flood discharge was of the order of 3,00,000 cusecs with a maximum velocity of about 20 ft. per second and an average velocity of about 13.50 ft. per second.

Due to the huge amount of debris coming down and the high silt contents of the river sand bars were formed opposite pile spur Nos. 12 to 15. As a result, the main current was pushed more and more towards these spurs attacking their noses and ultimately out-flanking them.

Due to the unprecedented floods mentioned above, the following damages were caused to the spurs in 1957.

At Silonipam ghat—

Spur No. 3—length 100', 45' of the nose washed away.

Spur No. 11—length 80', 5' of the nose washed away.

Spur No. 12—length 80', 40', of the nose washed away.

Spur No. 13—length 80', total washed away out-flanking 70 ft.

Spur No. 14—length 80', 30', of the nose washed away.

Spur No. 15—length 80', 30', of the nose washed away.

Appreciable erosion occurred between Spur No. 12 and Spur No. 13 and also both upstream and down stream of spur No. 3.

No Damages were caused to Spur Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The spurs at Mornakuri escaped damage during the floods of September 1957. However, these spurs suffered damages during the floods of October 1957. Though this flood was of lesser magnitude the change in the bad condition of the river as a result of the September flood contributed to the damage to the spurs. Formation of a shoal and a new sand bar in the middle of the river had directed the current more and more towards the spurs. This was most prominent between spur Nos. 5 and 8 at Mornakuri the current hitting the vulnerable bank in a perpendicular direction caused progressive embankment both upstream and downstream of the spurs and these were out-flanked completely. Efforts were made to prevent out-flanking at spur Nos. 6 and 7 by providing additional lengths of the bamboo groynes but the radius of curvature of embankment was so large that it was not possible to provide complete protection over a wide area with the available resources. However some results were obtained at Spur Nos. 5 and 8 by dumping earth filled gunny bags and bamboo groynes.

Except spur Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10, all other spurs were damaged at Mornakuri as a result of the October floods in 1957.

The site was visited by the Additional Chief Engineer, Embankment and Drainage and Chief Engineer, Flood Control, Assam on 25th September 1957 and 29th October 1957 respectively and instructions were given to the Executive Engineer for restoration of the flood damages to the protection works. Accordingly the previous estimate was revised to Rs. 16.67 lakhs. All restoration works were completed before the floods of 1958.

On the 25th August 1958, the Jia Bhorelli recorded a very high and strong flood with a velocity of 22 ft. per second (at the noses of spurs) exceeding the maximum of 20 ft. per second of 1957. This caused the following damages :—

Silonipamghat.

Spur No. 1—Out-flanked and washed away.

Spur No. 2—60' nose of the spur washed away.

Spur No. 15—40' of nose washed away.

Therefore the report of my friend that two spurs were completely washed away is slightly wrong. All attempts to save spur Nos. 1, 2 and 15 failed. At present erosion is continuing at Silonipam with consequent threat to the spurs.

There have been no damages to the protection works at Mornakur or Daflagarh. The Department is taking prompt and appropriate action as required by the circumstances to check further erosion of the bank and also to prevent further damages to works.

It may be pointed out that damages to protection works are usual occurrences in flood times. Specially when the floods are of large magnitudes the damages are to be minimised as far as possible during the flood time by constant and careful vigilance and maintenance and subsequently restored in the next working season. Damages also occurred to the Dibrugarh Protection Works. But those were promptly attended to and restored to both during and after the flood season.

Jamuguri is on the left bank of the river Jia Bhorelli and 8 miles away from Silonipam ghat in straight line. Tezpur town is situated on the right bank and is 12 miles away in straight line. The present erosion is confined to Silonipam area only and the possibility of washing away the whole of Jamuguri and endangering Tezpur town on the other sides is rather remote.

The Bhorelli is a braided river and flows in a number of interlacing channels, which keep on shifting their position. This feature is due to its relatively steep bed slope and excessive silt charge. These conditions make the river unstable.

It may further be stated that the present works carried out on the Bhorelli are purely anti-erosion measures designed to ward off erosions at specific reaches and these are not designed to train the entire river into any fixed course. The complete training of a big river like the Jia-Bhorelli will cost crores of rupees, which is beyond our means. Steps feasible within the means of the Government will be taken up after further investigation.

The request from the hon. Members to visit that area was conveyed to me earlier as well. Till the middle of next month there are urgent engagements which I cannot cancel. So, I propose to visit that area in the second part of the month of September unless otherwise impossible, when I will have the chance to see the whole thing. In the meantime I have asked the Engineer concerned to study the problem on the spot and send his report to us early. I once again assure my friends that everything possible within the means of the Government will be done.

The Assam Panchayat Bill, 1958

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :** Sir, I was saying that while making an attempt to spread democracy.

Mr. SPEAKER : Although the hon. Members are aware that there is no time limit to speak on a Bill but in view of the fact that the Business Advisory Committee has fixed today for the termination of our Assembly, I would request the hon. Members to be brief in their observations and in this particular case I would appeal to the hon. Member's responsibility as a Member of the Business Advisory Committee and not as a Member of this House.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati) :**

Thank you, Sir. I was saying that we should not be afraid of mistakes. At the initial stage and at the transitional period there is bound to be some mistakes. But if we are really serious about democracy and about our implementation of the Five Year Plan by democratic method then we shall have to be prepared to have some mistakes. I need not go into the details of the studies made by the team led by Shri Mehta in this respect. The whole of volume 2 of the Mehta Committee is a report on the experiences gained and various studies made by the team, and on the basis of that the Committee has given this recommendation—in paragraph 2, sub-paragraph 5 of the Report: “With this background, we have to consider whether the time has not arrived to replace all these bodies by a single representative and vigorous democratic institution to take charge of all aspects of development work in the rural areas. Such a body, if created, has to be statutory, elective, comprehensive in its duties and functions, equipped with necessary executive machinery and in possession of adequate resources. It must not be cramped by too much control by the Government or Government agencies. It must have the power to make mistakes and to learn by making mistakes, but it must also receive guidance which will help it to avoid making mistakes. In the ultimate analysis, it must be an instrument of expression of the local people’s will in regard to the local development.” I should like to emphasise on the word ‘elective’ in this matter and also I should like to emphasise the phrase that ‘It must not be cramped by too much control by the Government or Government agencies.’

What are the functions of this body will be found in the next sub-paragraph where it is said: “This body can function effectively only if it is the sole authority for those development programmes which are of exclusive interest for the area. In such matters the State Government will cease to operate within the area and in special circumstances when it has to, it has to do so through the agency of this local body.” Having this in our mind if we go to study clause 9 of the Bill and also its sub-clauses we find that the very spirit of the recommendation has been missed or at least ignored. In the report it is said that “democracy has to function through certain executive machinery, but the democratic Government operating over large areas through its executive machinery cannot adequately

appreciate local needs and circumstances. It is therefore necessary that there should be a devolution of power and decentralization of machinery and that such power be exercised and such machinery be controlled and directed by popular representatives of the local areas. We do not find that the constitution of the block panchayat as envisaged by the clauses from 19 onwards will serve this purpose. It may be said that this was because there was certain fear and that there might be some amount of inefficiency and even corruption. But this point was also discussed by the Committee and to this also they had given their own reply. The Committee has said: "Fears have been expressed to us by many persons with whom we have discussed the scheme—officials as well as non-officials. These fears revolve round two points; inefficiency and corruption. We have been told, and we do not deny, that such a devolution of powers and responsibilities and the consequent decentralization of the executive machinery may result in a fall in efficiency. Centralisation and even autocracy often appear more efficient than decentralisation and democracy. This may be true over short spans of time, but in the long run, we believe that democracy and decentralisation assert themselves and succeed better especially in the field of local development and local welfare." I am afraid it has been found that they have been very much obsessed by the fear. But this point was considered by this team and which gave their opinion. It is why we find that throughout the entire Bill there is over emphasis of belief and reliance on the bureaucracy and suspicion of the elected representatives of the people. The Committee has said: "We are of the view that the most efficient and useful arrangement in this regard is to have an elected self-governing institution whose jurisdiction would be co-extensive with a development block." Theoretically in this Bill the jurisdiction has been made co-extensive with block, but the real thing has been ignored.

The Committee has said: "The block advisory committee will be replaced by a statutorily powerful instrument of the local people's will, which can ensure that the expenditure of resources upon local works conforms with the wishes and the needs of the locality. Some have expressed the fear that a block area may not be able to find competent persons in adequate numbers to function as chairman and members of this block authority. We do not share these fears; the country has found competent persons to take charge of its affairs at other levels; the needs and circumstances of the block level body will discover adequate personnel within its

area." Therefore competent persons will be found out from among the people and that there is no fear that nobody is competent enough to hand these things and that all the efficiency is a monopoly of the bureaucrats alone. It is why we find that ignoring completely the underlying principle enunciated in sub-paragraph 15 of paragraph 2, in other words, leaving aside the kernel they have taken the easiest course and they have suggested the constitution of a committee which is not conservative in formulation that were given in sub-paragraph 15 of paragraph 2. Now, we find the whole committee constitutes of block panchayats, firstly of presidents of gram panchayats within the jurisdiction of block panchayat. On this what is advised by the Committee? That there will be election of panch. The panch and sarpanch is not the same thing. In a panch there is a sarpanch. The sarpanch does not equal to that of panch. Now, here the committee has recommended, "The panchayats within the block area can be grouped together in convenient units, which can be Gram Sewaks' circles, and the panches of all the panchayats in each of these units shall elect from amongst themselves a person or persons to be a member or members of the panchayat samiti." But, Sir, our present bill seeks to omit it. Once they are presidents of gram panchayats they become members of the union panchayat. This was not visualised by the Mehta Committee.

Besides, Sir, we do not find any protection being given to women or scheduled caste or scheduled tribe. The Mehta Committee Report has said, "These elected representatives will co-opt to women who are interested in work among women and children. Where the population of Scheduled Castes exceeds 5 per cent of the total population of the panchayat samiti area, one person belonging to a Scheduled Caste shall be co-opted; and similarly, one member of a Scheduled Tribe. In Scheduled Areas suitable safeguards should be provided to ensure that the tribal population is adequately represented. Where members of these groups have already been elected to the panchayat samiti in prescribed numbers, no co-option will be required." Sir, women constitutes 47 per cent of the population in our country and if any of them cannot get elected there should be co-option of at least two women. But this is not in the bill. Then there may arise the question of having representatives of Scheduled Tribes or Scheduled Castes in case none of them is elected in an area where either of them may constitute more than 5 per cent of the population. But this is also not given. Further, from the bill it appears, "One

representative to be elected by the Chairman of the co-operative societies falling within the area of the block panchayat as prescribed." This will give undue advantage for a co-operative society. It may happen that in one block there is one or two co-operative societies and consequently the Chairman of the co-operative society itself will be the proposer, seconder and the representative himself. We should not encourage bogus co-operative societies. From our experience of the past we have seen the activities of the co-operative societies. We should be very careful that this sort of special weightage is not given to co-operative societies, irrespective of the fact whether they are genuine or not and irrespective of the fact whether such representative is justified or not. If this is allowed then naturally unscrupulous people will form co-operative societies and they will monopolise the block panchayats and thereby make the real representatives of the people unimportant. In the name of giving encouragement to co-operative societies, there is, as a matter of fact, an attempt to bring in unscrupulous people to control the organisation in the rural area.

Now, we have also seen that in terms of the Committee's recommendations public people or representatives of the people to Legislature or Parliament in that area should be within this committee, but here in this bill, members of the State Legislature or Parliament have been made only *ex-officio* members and they have been deprived of the right of voting, whereas the executive officer or the Deputy Commissioner is not only a full-fledged member but he has a right to vote and in case of equal number of votes on both sides when a voting takes place he has the right to tie for the result. It is really unfortunate that the bureaucrats have got right to vote but the real elected representatives of people to the Legislature or Parliament have been denied this right. The Mehta Committee's Report has been flouted here.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) :** The Deputy Commissioner has no place in these panchayats.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :** In the union panchayat he has been given the power of voting. Now, I say, the Deputy Commissioner has been given a much higher place than a member of the Parliament or a Legislature. Is it that in our democracy it is the feeling that a Deputy

Commissioner is much more reliable than an M. L. A. or M.P. ? I do not want to go into the details in view of the shortage of time. Is it the idea of the Government that the district officers are gods or demi-gods and the representatives of the people to Parliament and Legislatures are inferior to them ? That is what is unfortunately we find in this bill. The committee said that transfer of powers to these panchayats by the Government is to be considered as an act of faith. If we cannot have faith we cannot make any progress in democracy. Sir, the Committee said, "Development cannot progress without responsibility and power. Community development can be real only when the community understands its problems, realises its responsibilities, exercises the necessary powers through its chosen representatives and maintains as a constant and intelligent vigilant on local administration. With this objective we recommend the earliest establishment of statutory elective local bodies and devolution to them of the necessary resources, power and authority". But the constitutions of the Block Panchayat and the Union Panchayat do not go that extent.

I have already said how the very constitution of the Panchayat is not in accord with the recommendations of the Mehta Committee. Then, we find in sub-clause (2) of clause 19: "All members of the State Legislative Assembly whose constituency falls within the Block-Panchayat area shall be *ex-officio* members of the Block Panchayat without the right to vote". But those officers might have the right—it is not definite. Then, Sir, there will be an Executive Officer. There is already the Deputy Commissioner with all his powers yet Government have reserved the right to appoint such officers, as the Government may be pleased to consider necessary.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) :** As I have pointed out, there will be no Deputy Commissioner here.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :** I shall show how the Deputy Commissioner comes in.

Then, Sir, in clause 21, there is a proviso. This clause relates to the election of office bearers of a Block Panchayat. The proviso says "provided that when the President of a Gaon Panchayat is elected as the President or Vice-President of the

Block Panchayat, he shall not discharge his duties as the President of the Gaon Panchayat and such duties shall be discharged by the Vice-President concerned". That is to say, if one President of a particular Gaon Panchayat becomes elected as the President or Vice-President of a Block Panchayat, instead of another man being elected to the presidentship of the Gaon Panchayat, that office will remain vacant or will be ornamentally filled by the man who has been elected as the President or Vice-President of the Block Panchayat but his functions will be done by the Vice-President.

Now, if a man becomes the President of a Block Panchayat and also at the same time remains theoretically the President of the Gaon Panchayat, it is natural that the other Gaon Panchayats may think that there has been some amount of discrimination in favour of that particular Panchayat from which he comes. Now, Sir, we know that any member of this House may become the Chairman of a Local Board, but as soon as he is appointed a Minister by the Governor, he ceases to be the Chairman of the Local Board. I think this is a very healthy tradition because if he continues also to be the Chairman, though he may not be signing the papers yet there will always be some doubt about his impartiality. We must remember that not only justice must be done but it must also appear to be done. This proviso shows that that point has been completely overlooked.

Then, so far as the office of the Block Panchayat is concerned, in spite of the passage which I have read out just now where it has been said that the functionaries must be within the particular district or area itself, clause 22 says "A Block Panchayat shall have an office and a Chief Executive Officer appointed by the State Government who shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary and shall be responsible for its maintenance. The office will be in charge of a person who will not be elected by the Panchayat but will be appointed by the State Government. Here we give a good-bye to the elective principle. In some civilized States, even the Judges of the Supreme Court are elected, but here even the Chief Executive Officer of a Block Panchayat will not be elected, but will be appointed by Government and he will be in charge of office. Then, clause 23 says "Resolutions and directions of the Block Panchayat will be carried out by the Chief Executive Officer in whom the entire executive power of the Block Panchayat shall be vested as may be prescribed". Government have not taken the Legislature into confidence at this stage as to what they propose to give to this Chief Executive Officer.

***Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla)** : It will be done subsequently under the rules.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati)** : I am grateful to my friend for reminding me of this that they have left it for the rules. But why, Sir ? They have conceived and conceived and conceived of the idea for so many months and why something in that regard could not be produced now ? Why this has been left to be prescribed in future and the legislature is not taken into confidence right now as to the nature of actual powers proposed to be given to the Chief Executive Officer through the rules. So, Sir, we find that not only the Deputy Commissioner but also an officer much below the rank of the Deputy Commissioner will be vested with the executive functions of the Block Panchayats. Then what will be the function of the elected representatives and the *ex-officio* members, including those to be nominated by Government ? Ultimately it will become some sort of advisory and deliberative body. They will talk and talk and perhaps some of them will get some allowances. That is all. On the contrary, what do we find ? Let us take this along with the Union Panchayat. We find in clause 24 who will constitute the Union Panchayat. The first sub-clause says that the Union Panchayat shall consist of "the Presidents of all Block Panchayats within the area of the Union Panchayat". What did the Mehta Committee's report say ? They did not say that the President should necessarily be elected. They said that the Panchayat will elect any one, may be President or Vice-President. But here it has been left only to the President. Then the next sub-clause says "one representative to be elected as prescribed by every Block Panchayat falling within the jurisdiction of the Union Panchayat". Here also we find the words "as prescribed". Then we find "all members of Parliament and Members of the State Legislative Assembly presenting the area of the Union Panchayat". Then "Chairman of Municipalities and Town Committees falling within the subdivision as *ex-officio* members" and "such Government officials as *ex-officio* members as the State Government may appoint from time to time." Here also, it has been left to the Government to decide from time to time which officers should come. Then we find "*Ex-officio* members of the Union Panchayat shall have no right of vote". That means, Sir, that the Chairman of a Municipality or a Town Committee, who is an *ex-officio* member, will have no right of vote though he may represent 10,000 people of the area. He can take part in the delibera-

tions but cannot vote. The Chairman of the Municipalities and Town Committees shall not also have any say in the election of the Vice-President or other members of the Executive Committee of the Union Panchayat. Then we find "the Deputy Commissioner or the Subdivisional Officer, as the case may be, shall be the *ex-officio* President of the Union Panchayat". Why this presidentship should be vested in the Deputy Commissioner? Now why the Deputy Commissioner has been made the *ex-officio* President of the Union Panchayat? Whereas Sir, all those elected representatives of the people like the Chairman of the Municipality and Town Committee will have no vote. Then from the subsequent provisions in the Bill we will find that whenever any question of doubt is raised with regard to the Gaon Panchayat or Block Panchayat, the sole authority ultimately to decide the matter is the President of the Union Panchayat, *i.e.*, the Deputy Commissioner. From the provisions of this Bill, it appears that collective wisdom does not lie in the hands of the people where the Government officials should have been allowed to co-operate. But it is only left for the discretion of the bureaucratic officers of the Government to decide anything with regard to Gaon Panchayats and Block Panchayats. Now what do we find? There has been retrograde steps provided in the Bill for the people. So far as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Board are concerned, they are at least authorities. There is no place for any officers of the Government to poke their nose in the day-to-day affairs of the Local Board. Of course, there is the over-riding power of the Commissioner of Divisions. Now, according to the provisions of the Assam Panchayat Bill which has been presently brought before the House, if the powers of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Local Board are vested in the Deputy Commissioners, who will be naturally some I. A. S. officers—who are God send officers then there is nothing left for the initiative of the people in Gaon Panchayats and Block Panchayats.

Then another thing. I should like to draw the attention of the House with regard to the finances of those bodies, no doubt, certain powers have been given to those bodies. But then they will find certain difficulties. What will be the fate of those bodies when they will be superseded or cancelled? That provision is also there. When there is a tie, naturally there is the additional power of the President of the Union Panchayat, who is the Deputy Commissioner who will decide the matter by his casting vote. In special circumstances, what should be done? The Deputy Commissioner may refer the matter to Government as what should be done with regard to a particular

Gaon Panchayat or a particular Block Panchayat. In this way, whatever power is there for the people, the Government will interfere not only in the Union Panchayat level but also in the Gaon Panchayat level and Block Panchayat level. So, I should like to submit that this Bill is, in the ultimate analysis, not for progressive measure. No doubt, that all the provisions contained in the Bill itself are not bad. There are some good measures in it. But so far as decentralisation and democratisation is concerned, which is the main principle of the Bill there has been only some delegation of power and nothing more than that. There is nothing more than for actual decentralisation and democratisation, though there has been some amount of provision here in this Bill. While bringing those bodies into being, emphasis has been given on the side of bureaucratisation.

Another thing, I should like to draw the attention of the House is that on the financial side of the matter in the financial memorandum it has been stated that the Secretaries of Union Panchayats (*vide* clause 28) and Chief Executive Officers of the Block Panchayats (*vide* clause 22) will have to be appointed by the State Government and expenditures thereon will have to be made by the State Government as hitherto. The expenditure to be incurred on account of pay of about 2657 Gaon Panchayat Secretaries (*vide* clause 14) may be met out of the grants already made to the Panchayats under the provisions of the Second Plan for the plan period and from their own funds.

Then with regard to the adult suffrage, consideration of the Government has been given to reduce the expenditure to the minimum. With regard to the Block Panchayats we find that the Government want to confine the Block Panchayats to the Gaon Panchayats where the financial liability would be minimum. Now if we consider the matter on democratic basis, then even some more expenditure has to be incurred. I think, it is proper to incur more expenditure, because after all, democracy mostly need money. So there should be some democratic democracy in financial consideration also. In parliamentary system of Government consideration should be given with regard to the expenditure to be incurred to the level of Gaon Panchayats which will generally be carriers of orders, so far as local matters are concerned. But so far as policy matters are concerned they may be done in the Union Panchayat level and the Gaon Panchayat will be the carriers of orders. Sir, there is a saying that "he who pays the piper calls for the tune". So the Government will play the role of a piper. It has been stated in the Bill that the Secretaries of the Union Panchayats and Chief Executive Officers of the Block Panchayats,

as they will be appointed by the Government, their expenditure will be borne by the State Government. Even if they are elected by the organisation or by the bodies, Government can give the money.

Then with regard to the question "as prescribed", I have seen there are as many as 168 clauses in this Bill. In the Memorandum at page 61 regarding delegated legislation in many clauses of the Bill are found the words "as prescribed" which means that such clauses when enacted will enable the State Government to prescribe rules for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Bill when enacted with reference to all matters expressly or by implication required or allowed by it to be prescribed.

Clause 163 of the Bill summarises in details regarding which subjects and for what purpose the rules will be required. This clause 164 has got as 43 provisions for making rules and in other clauses also I have tried to count; subject to correction, I have found the figure to be above 120. So it comes to about 163 or more cases where the Government has got things up its sleeve for making rules in future. The Bill which has got 168 clauses has got as many as 163 provisions—important provisions—where rules will be made by the Government. These are quite clear by perusal of these clauses and without going into all these I can give only a few examples. Here with regard to establishment and constitution of gaon, block and union panchayats it is said "The State Government may, by notification, etc., etc." Similarly with regard to Block Panchayat—"In each area declared as Union Panchayat under Section 4, there may be as many Block Panchayats as may be deemed necessary by the State Government", then, "The State Government shall, by notification, etc., etc....."

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member need not read all these things.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati):** Yes Sir, what I mean to say is that many important things are left in the hands of Government to make rules and this is the case not only in procedural matters but also in certain matters involving fundamental principles—that is what I am submitting. These things as a matter of fact ought to have found place in the Bill itself; these ought not to be left in the hands of Government to be settled by prescription. So, I beg to submit that

in view of the importance of the matter which is going to make a basic change in the very structure of our society—because our society is predominantly rural society as most of our people live in the villages—this Bill which seeks to make a comprehensive or rather self-governing institutions in the villages and which is going to bring about a fundamental change in the very structure and basic principle of our society in future and in view of the fact that we are going to make a new approach cutting almost all connection with our past, and also in view of the fact that this has emanated from the general all India approach enunciated by the Planning Commission, our State should be very cautious and the people should be taken into full confidence in this matter; they should also have an opportunity to express themselves in this general All India policy. I understand that the Government of India is contemplating a model Bill for this purpose mainly on the basis of the Mehta Report. I do not know whether our Government is aware of it or whether Government has got copies of these report, but these things are out in the papers and we have come to know of them from some other sources also that Government of India is contemplating a model Bill of this kind. At the same time we also come to know that there have been representations from various Panchayat Committees, Local Boards and so on to the Government that before finalising the Bill as proposed, their opinion also should be considered. Therefore, this Bill may be considered as a tentative one and we should invite opinions from all those who are interested in it and after enriching ourselves by the experience our Government can bring out a Bill which may be presented early in the next session of the Assembly, and then it will not be difficult for Government to pass the Bill during that session.

I heard somebody say—“we are pioneers”, or “we want to be pioneers”, Well, one may be a pioneer for doing good things and one may be a pioneer for doing naughty things, but it is better to be a pioneer for doing good things, it is still better not to be a pioneer at all if by being that we fall in some difficulties. I find that this Bill is also not one on the basis of which the Select Committee can make very much improvement because the Select Committee are there to make their recommendations but they cannot touch the basic of and fundamental principles laid down in the Bill, I find in the very principle of this Bill and the very basic approach of this Bill there is defect. Therefore I suggest let this Bill go before the public for eliciting their opinions. It may be, my observations are not correct, or may be I have seen the bill with a jaundiced

eye, or may be that actually the Bill is rather acceptable to the people, so let it be sent to them to decide it. Let the opinions of the public be collected by 31st October next and then let the Government come with a final Bill and it may be passed by the Legislature in the next session. At any rate this Bill is not going to be an Act within this session, so what is the good of such a hurry?

With these words Sir, I move that the Bill be circulated for public opinion thereon by 31st October 1958.

Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur) : Sir, I think those members of the Select Committee should not speak much on this Bill rather let those members who are not members of the Select Committee be given a chance to speak on it.

Mr. SPEAKER : This motion with which we are immediately concerned now is whether this Bill should be referred for eliciting public opinion. Although the convention is that these members whose names have been nominated to a Select Committee should not speak again on the Bill, but since this Bill, as the hon. Mover has said, will change the very structure of our rural Government, therefore I don't know whether that convention would be strictly applicable in this case.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion for sending this Bill to a Select Committee. Hon. Members know that we have appointed a very big Select Committee for this Bill consisting of as many as 15 members of this House. Now, under Rule 210 the Select Committee have power to call for evidence or to call for documents and take public opinion and it is expected that they will call for opinions from different persons interested in this Bill. Besides, other members of this House also will speak on this Bill so that the Committee will get all shades of opinion. Every one knows what is the financial condition of the Panchayats and the Local Boards today?

(Adjournment)

The Assembly then adjourned for lunch till 2 P. M.

After lunch

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I support the motion which seeks to refer the Bill to a Select Committee. Sir, the financial condition of the Local Boards and the Panchayets at present is very miserable. Some amount of money has been earmarked for the Panchayet and with the funds at its disposal it has not been able to serve the purpose as much as could be expected. Moreover, the position of the Local Board is also the same. I understand, as an interim measure our Government is doing something to help the Local Boards and the Panchayats, so that they may get rid of these difficulties. I think, therefore, that the Government will make an attempt that this long aspired Panchayat Bill, in a revised form, is placed at the hands of the masses, and hence this motion to refer it to the Select Committee is very welcome, because in that case the House can expect that the Bill will see the light of the day within this year. There will be enough scope for eliciting public opinion in the Select Committee. There is ample provision in the Assembly Rules to take evidence of the experts and also of the institutions and other individuals, and I hope the Select Committee will do this. Moreover the Select Committee will be benefited by the suggestions that will be forthcoming from the different sections of this House, while they will deliberate on the various principles of this Bill. Now my friend, Shri Bhattacharyya, has said that there has been a bureaucratic touch over the Bill, and that there is some sort of official control in all the institutions from top to bottom. That is his first objection. He said why in this democratic set up the Deputy Commissioner should be the *ex-officio* Chairman of the Union Panchayet which will mean that he will be the controlling authority of the Union Panchayet. Similarly, there are other things as regarded which I agree with him. There are some features of the Bill which should rightly be objected to and revised by the Select Committee, as for instance, the appointment of a Secretary by the Gaon Panchayets which can be done by the Gaon Panchayet Executive only with the approval of the Deputy Commissioner. Now, why is the approval of the Deputy Commissioner necessary in the matter of simple appointment of the Secretary of a Gaon Panchayet? It should be left to the President of the Gaon Panchayet. Similarly there is another objectionable feature. The Chief Executive Officer has been given the entire executive power of the Block Panchayet and the Block Panchayet will have no executive power except passing resolutions. This is no decentralisation of power as contemplated in the Bill. So I beg to suggest that the entire executive power should vest in the Block Panchayet and the Chief Executive Officer should work under the

direction of the Block Panchayat. In the case of Union Panchayat which is replacing the Local Board the chairman of the Union Panchayat should be an elected one and he should have the power to appoint the Secretary and other staff as was done by the chairman of the Local Board.

These are some of the features which appear to throttle the growth of democracy and decentralisation of power which is the main object of Bill. There are similar other objectionable features to some of which Shri Bhattacharyya has referred. I thank Mr. Bhattacharyya for quoting valuable things from the Balwantrai Mehta Committee's report. We should see that the instructions and recommendations that have been embodied in the Balwantrai Mehta Committee's report are also embodied in this Bill as far as practicable so that we can satisfy the aspirations of the people. I do not agree with him that this Bill is going to have a burocratic set up and not a democratic set up. There may be objectionable features here and there but when we look at the whole structure we will see that what Shri Bhattacharyya has said is not true. Let us examine this point. There is the Gaon Panchayat at the bottom which will be formed by election. Then comes the Block Panchayat which will be formed by the Presidents of the Gaon-Panchayat. Next comes the Union Panchayat which will be formed by the presidents of the Block Panchayats. So there is a democratic link from top to bottom. I agree with Shri Bhattacharyya when he said that 10 per cent of the presidents of the Co-operatives within the Block Panchayat should be taken. Therefore certain features should have to be reconsidered and re-examined and out of this examination we hope to be in a position to evolve a set up which will be most democratic and which will be welcome by all concerned and by which we may be in a position to fulfil the aspirations of the people *viz.*, the establishment of Panchayat Raj in our country. I hope with the labour of the Select Committee and with the comments and suggestions of the hon. Members of this House and with the Experts opinion, we would be able to evolve such a democratic structure that will fulfil the aspirations of the masses. If we can achieve this then there will be no difference of opinion as to ideology between the Socialists or Communists and the Congress parties, because all people, having different views will merge in that democratic set up. That is the objective of the Panchayat Bill. So we should all co-operate and work hard so that we can create enthusiasm in people's mind to work out the various schemes envisaged in the Bill.

If we succeed in our endeavour Panchayat Raj will be established by the People and that is what the Government is aiming at. As I have already stated, there are certain provisions of the Bill which will need modification. For instance, the Bill now proposes that members to the Panchayat Adalat would be selected by the Deputy Commissioner. Two representatives would be elected by each Gaon Panchayat and out of that panel five would be selected by the Deputy Commissioner as members of the Panchayat Adalat. The Deputy Commissioner should not come into the picture in such matters. The elected President of the Union Panchayat should be allowed to make the selection. There may be similar others which may need modification on scrutiny by the Select Committee. But it must be admitted that the Bill is a unique venture towards decentralisation of power for which the Government deserve congratulation. I hope with the labours and deliberations of the Select Committee and with the suggestions and recommendations of the hon. Members of the House we may expect a Bill which will satisfy all sections of the society. So let us all co-operate to that end in view. I most sincerely thank my friend Shri Bhattacharyya for all his good suggestions and at the same time invite him to co-operate and join with us in supporting the motion before the House to refer the Bill to the Select Committee. With these words Sir, I whole-heartedly support the motion for referring the Bill to Select Committee. Thank you.

Shri MOHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Hajo):

উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আমাৰ গাওঁ উন্নয়ন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী শ্ৰী হাজৰীকা ডাঙৰীয়াই যিখন পঞ্চায়ত বিল এই সদনত উপস্থাপন কৰিছে, মই তাক সমৰ্থন কৰিছোঁ আৰু শ্ৰী ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো প্ৰস্তাৱ দিছে যে এই বিলখন জনমতৰ কাৰণে পঠাব লাগে সেই প্ৰস্তাৱৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰিছোঁ। মই কালিৰে পৰা শ্ৰী ভট্টাচাৰ্য্যৰ বক্তৃতা শুনিছোঁ আৰু বক্তৃতা প্ৰসঙ্গত তেখেতে যিবোৰ পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়াইছে বাচনি কমিটিলৈ বিলখন গলেও সেই পৰামৰ্শ মতে কাম কৰিবলৈ কোনো আইন সঙ্কত বাধা নেপৰা। কিন্তু বাচনি কমিটিক যিমান সময় দিয়া হৈছে সেই সময় যথেষ্ট হোৱা নাই আৰু সেই সময় বঢ়াই দিবৰ কাৰণে মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিলো।

ক্ষমতা বিকেন্দ্ৰীকৰণ কৰাটোৱেই হৈছে এই বিলৰ উদ্দেশ্য, কাৰণ ইয়াৰ ওপৰতে দেশৰ ভবিষ্যত প্ৰগতি নিৰ্ভৰ কৰিছে। অৱশ্যে আজি বহুতেই সন্দেহ কৰিছে যে পঞ্চায়ত বিলত যিবোৰ ক্ষমতা দিয়া হৈছে সেইবোৰৰ সদ্ব্যৱহাৰ নহব পাৰে। কিন্তু আমি এইটো বুজা উচিত যে আমি ভাৰতৰ মানুহ আৰু আমি ভাৰতীয় মানুহৰ মাজতে চলা ফুৰা কৰিব লাগিব। গতিকে আমি আমাৰ মানুহক বিশ্বাস কৰিব লাগিব। আমি যেহেতু দেশখন গণতান্ত্ৰিক ভিত্তিত গঢ় দিবলৈ ওলাইছোঁ সেইবাবে দেশৰ মানুহক কেতিয়াও অবিশ্বাস কৰিব নোৱাৰে। সেইকাৰণে এই বিলখন গ্ৰহণ কৰাটো বিশেষ আৱশ্যক আৰু সময়োপযোগী হব। আমাৰ দেশত যোৱা ১৯৪৮ চনৰে পৰা পঞ্চায়ত আইন বলৱৎ আছে। কিন্তু সেই আইনত কিছুমান অসোৱাহ বৈ গৈছে আৰু কিছুমান কথা ওপৰা ওপৰিও হৈছিল। সেই কাৰণে সংশোধিত আকাৰে এই বিলখন সদনত

উত্থাপন কৰা হৈছে। এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলৰ উদ্দেশ্যই হৈছে যে আমাৰ দেশত এনেকুৱা এটা নেতৃত্ব গৃহীত কৰা যাব যাৰ দ্বাৰা জনসাধাৰণৰ কাৰণে যিবিলাক সা সুবিধাৰ আৱশ্যক সেইবোৰ সা সুবিধা কৰি লোৱা। আজি আমি দেখিছো যে কিছুমান সৰু সুৰা কথা বা কামৰ কাৰণেই ৰাজধানীলৈ আহিব লগা হয় আৰু দিহা পৰামৰ্শ লবৰ কাৰণেও নেতাসকল কিম্বা চৰকাৰৰ মুখাপেক্ষি হব লাগে। সেইকাৰণেই কাম কৰিবৰ কাৰণে জনসাধাৰণৰ যিটো উদ্বেগ সেইটো কমি আহিছে। জন সাধাৰণৰ হাতত এই ক্ষমতা হস্তান্তৰ কৰিলেহে গ্ৰামৰাজ কিম্বা পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব পৰা হব।

আমাৰ দেশত প্ৰথম পাঁচ বছৰীয়া পৰিকল্পনা কৃতকাৰ্য্যতাৰে সফল হৈছে আৰু দ্বিতীয় পাঁচ বছৰীয়া পৰিকল্পনালৈ মাজত ভৰি দিছোহি। এই পৰিকল্পনাত সচাঁকৈ আমি কৃতকাৰ্য্য হৈছোনে নাই সেইটো ভালকৈ চোৱা উচিত। যদি কৃতকাৰ্য্য হোৱা নাই তেনেহলে নিশ্চয় কৰনাত কেবোপ বৈ গৈছে। আমি দেখিছো যে প্ৰথম পাঁচ বছৰীয়া পৰিকল্পনাত ওপৰৰ পৰা নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হৈছিল। গতিকে সেই পৰিকল্পনা কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিবৰ নিমিত্তে জনসাধাৰণে যি উদ্যম আৰু উৎসাহৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিব লাগিছিল সেইটো নোহোৱাৰ বাবেই জনসাধাৰণে বিশেষ একো উপলব্ধি কৰিব নোৱাৰিলে। সেই কাৰণে সৰুৰ পৰা ডাঙৰলৈকে দেশৰ যিবিলাক কাম হব সেই বোৰত যাতে জনসাধাৰণে সক্ৰিয় সহযোগ দিব পাৰে সেইটোৰ ব্যৱস্থা পঞ্চায়ত আইনত কৰিব লাগে। এই পঞ্চায়ত আইনৰ যোগেদি জনসাধাৰণক যিবোৰ ক্ষমতা দিয়া উচিত সেইবোৰে দিয়া হৈছেনে নাই বিবেচনা কৰিব লাগে।

পঞ্চায়ত সমূহ আমাৰ বৰ্ত্তমানৰ লোকেলবোৰ্ড আৰু মিউনিচিপালিটিৰ নিচিনা হব বুলি ধাৰণা কৰাটো সমিচীন নহব কিয়নো দৰাচলতে লোকেলবোৰ্ডে বা মিউনিচিপালিটিতকৈ এই পঞ্চায়তৰ বেচি ক্ষমতা থাকিব। কিন্তু আমি দেখিছো এই পঞ্চায়ত চৰকাৰ গঠন কৰাত মৌলিক বিষয়টোকে বহুতৰ মতে আনৰকমে গঢ় দিছে। ইয়াৰ কাৰণ হল আমাৰ দেশত পঞ্চায়ত গঢ়াৰ অৰ্থৰ তাৎপৰ্য্য ভালকৈ বুজা নাই। আজি পঞ্চায়ত অৰ্থৰ তাৎপৰ্য্য এনে ধৰনে লোৱা উচিত নহয় যে চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা কিছু টকা আৰু কৰকাটলৰ পৰা যিখিনি টকা পোৱা হয় সেই টকাৰে এখন বছৰেকীয়া বাজেট কৰি খৰচ কৰিব এয়ে একমাত্ৰ পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম ইয়াৰ কাৰণে বৰ্ত্তমান পঞ্চায়ত আইন ৰচনা কৰা হোৱা নাই।

বৰ্ত্তমান পঞ্চায়ত গঠনৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য এই যে এই আইনৰ জৰিয়তে পঞ্চায়ত সমূহক এনেটকৈ গঢ় দিব লাগিব যাতে চৰকাৰী ক্ষমতাৰ বিকেন্দ্ৰীকৰণ হয়। ইয়াৰ জৰিয়তে দেশৰ শাসনৰ দায়িত্বৰ কিছু অংশ যাতে দেশৰ সৰ্বসাধাৰণ লোকে সমৰ্থ হয় এনে এটা ব্যৱস্থা কৰাৰ লগে লগে, আমি এইটোলৈকো দৃষ্টি ৰাখিব লাগিব যাতে প্ৰত্যেক এসমৰ নাগৰীকে স্বাবলম্বী হোৱাৰ এটা প্ৰয়াস পায় আৰু নিজৰ আৰু দেশৰ উন্নতি কামী হব পাৰে।

কিন্তু দেখা যায় আজি সৰ্বসাধাৰণ লোকে বৰ্ত্তমান পঞ্চায়তৰ নমুনা দেখি হতাশ হৈছে। বৰ্ত্তমান যি ধৰণেৰে পঞ্চায়ত চলি আছে, তাৰ পৰা ৰাইজে পঞ্চায়ত গঠনৰ উদ্দেশ্যৰ তাৎপৰ্য্য উপলব্ধি কৰিব নোৱাৰিলে। কিয়নো ই এটা চৰকাৰৰ মুখাপেক্ষি অনুষ্ঠান বুলিহে সাব্যস্ত হৈছে। চৰকাৰে টকা দিব আৰু তাৰে যি পৰা যায় কাম কৰিব--এয়ে পঞ্চায়তৰ ব্যৱস্থা বুলি বহুতৰ সন্দিগ্ধ হৈছে। সেই ব্যৱস্থাত আমাৰ মূল উদ্দেশ্য সাধন হোৱা সম্ভৱপৰ নহয়।

সেইকাৰণে আমি জোৰ দিব লাগিব যাতে এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলাক স্বাবলম্বী গোট হিচাবে বৃদ্ধিপুষ্টি সাধন কৰিব পাৰে। পঞ্চায়তৰ জৰিয়তে দেশৰ সৰ্বসাধাৰণ লোকে স্বাবলম্বী হোৱাৰ অনুপ্ৰেৰণা পোৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা এই পঞ্চায়তত কৰিব লাগিব। পঞ্চায়ত আইন বুলিলে আমি যি বুজো তাত এই ধৰণৰ বিষয় বিলাকৰ ক্ষমতা নিৰ্দ্ধিত থাকিব লাগিব।

ইয়াত আজি পঞ্চায়তৰ যিখন বিল উত্থাপন কৰা হৈছে তাৰ প্ৰথম ভাগত আছে, গাঁও-পঞ্চায়ত, তাৰ পিচত ব্লক পঞ্চায়ত আৰু সকলোৰে ওপৰত হল উনিয়ন পঞ্চায়ত।

প্ৰথমতে এই গাঁও-পঞ্চায়তৰ গোটিটো দুহেজাৰ আঠ হেজাৰ মানুহ যদি এটা এলেকালৈ একোখন গাঁও-পঞ্চায়ত গঠিত হ'ব। এইটো একেবাৰে সৰু-সুৰা গোটি নহয়। আজি আমাৰ মূল উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে উন্নৈতীয়া আদৰ্শৰ সহায়েৰে তাৰ প্ৰত্যেক পৰিয়ালৰ প্ৰত্যেক মানুহকে নিজ-এক দেশক উন্নত কৰা বিষয়ত অনুপেৰণা যোগোৱাৰ যথোপযুক্ত ব্যৱস্থা কৰা। আজি আমাৰ দেশৰ পৰা যদি দৰিদ্ৰতা বিনাশ কৰিব বিচাৰো তেন্তে আমাৰ গাঁৱৰ তলত পৰি থকা মানুহ বিলাকক উন্নতি পথত অগ্ৰসৰ হোৱাত যত্ন তৎপৰ হোৱাৰ সকলো ব্যৱস্থা কৰি দিব লাগিব।

এই গাঁও পঞ্চায়তক যদি ভাল ধৰণে গঠিত হ'বলৈ আবশ্যকীয়া ক্ষমতা দিয়া হয় আৰু উপযুক্ত অৰ্থ সাহায্য দ্বাৰা ইয়াক পৰিপূৰ্ত্ত কৰা হয় তেন্তে এই গাঁৱ পঞ্চায়ত এলাকাত থকা লোক সকলৰ যি সকলৰ কোনো ব্যবসায় বানিজ্য নাই, মাটি বাৰী অভাবত খেতি পাম নাই তেওঁলোকৰ যথোপযুক্ত ব্যৱস্থা এই পঞ্চায়তৰ জৰিয়তে হ'ব পাৰে। সেই ফালৰ পৰা মাটি বাৰী দি লোকক সুবিধা দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা আৰু ব্যবসায় বানিজ্য কৰা শিল্প আদি গাঁৱি তোলাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰাৰ ক্ষমতাও এই গাঁও পঞ্চায়তৰ থকা নিতান্ত দৰ্কাৰ।

গাঁওৱেই হৈছে আমাৰ দেশৰ মেকদণ্ড; গতিকে অসমক শক্তিশালী কৰিবলৈ দুখীয়া গাঁও বিলাকক আৰ্থিক আৰু সামাজিক ক্ষেত্ৰত শক্তিশালী কৰিব লাগিব। এই মৰ্মে আমাৰ গাঁও পঞ্চায়তক যিমান ক্ষমতা দিয়া দৰ্কাৰ সিমান ক্ষমতা এই বিলত যদি দিয়া হোৱা নাই তেন্তে মই চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰো যাতে বাইজ প্ৰকৃত ভাবে এই উদ্দেশ্য সুসম্পন্ন কৰিবলৈ পঞ্চায়তে প্ৰকৃত ক্ষমতা পাব পাৰে তাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে।

যদি লোৱা হয় সেই আমাৰ বৰ্ত্তমান পঞ্চায়ত ব্যৱস্থাৰ জৰিয়তে যি ক্ষমতা দিয়া হৈছে তাৰ দ্বাৰা সকলোৰকমে সকলো উদ্দেশ্য কৃতকাৰ্য্য কৰি তুলিব পাৰিম, তেতিয়া ভাল কথা।

মই বিভাগীয় মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়কো কৈছো যে এই বিলৰ পৰিশিষ্টত যি যি ক্ষমতা দিয়া হৈছে তাত সাধ্যানুসাৰে আৰু কিছু ক্ষমতা বাঢ়াই দিব পাৰিলে নোৱাৰি এই বিলাক কথা ভালকৈ বিবেচনা কৰিব বুলি Select Committee ৰ সদস্য সকলকো অনুৰোধ কৰিলো।

তাৰ পিচত জাতীয় সম্প্ৰসাৰণ পৰিকল্পনাৰ জৰিয়তে আমাৰ দেশৰ উন্নতি সাধন কৰাৰ এটা শান্তিপূৰ্ণ বিপ্লব। কিন্তু বহু ক্ষেত্ৰত দেখা গৈছে যে আমাৰ দেশৰ গঠনমূলক কামত সৰ্বসাধাৰণে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰাত কিছু পৰিমাণে বাধাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিছে। ইয়াৰ কাৰণ এটা হল, ইয়াৰ মূল উদ্দেশ্যটো মানুহৰ মাজত ঠিক মতে প্ৰচাৰ কৰি জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজত উৎসাহ উদ্দীপনা জগাই তুলিব নোৱাৰিলে; তাৰ পিচত মানুহৰ মনত এটা বন্ধমূল ধাৰণা হল যে এই বিলাক চৰকাৰৰহে একোটা অনুষ্ঠান; সৰ্বসাধাৰণৰ ইচ্ছামতে ইয়াত একো কাম হ'ব নোৱাৰে এই খাটি নাটিবোৰ লক্ষ কৰিয়েই এই বিলাকৰ সংস্কাৰৰ কাৰণে বলবন্ত ৰাখি মেহতা কমিটি নিযুক্ত কৰা হল। সেই কমিটিয়ে এই জাতীয় সম্প্ৰসাৰণ পৰিকল্পনাৰ ভিতৰত যিটো পঞ্চায়ত পৰিকল্পনা অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰিলে তাৰ দ্বাৰা স্বাৱলম্বী ক্ষমতাৰ জৰিয়তে সৰ্বসাধাৰণ বাইজে যাতে দেশ গঠনৰ কামত মনোনিবেশ কৰিব পাৰে আৰু চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা যাতে উৎসাহ উদ্দীপনাৰে উদ্বুদ্ধ হ'ব পাৰে এয়েই মূল উদ্দেশ্য। এই বিষয় বিলাককে তদন্ত কৰি তাৰ পৰামৰ্শ দিছে। আমি দেখিছো যিবিলাক গাঁও উনিয়ন কমিটি আছে, তাত চৰকাৰৰ কিছুমান পোনপতীয়া বিষয় আছে আৰু সেই অনুসাৰে কাম কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছিল। ফলত কিছুমান সুকীয়া গোটিৰ সৃষ্টি হল বৰ্ত্তমান যি ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লোৱা হৈছে তাত এই গোটি বিলাক সংঘবদ্ধ কৰি যাতে এক কৰিব পাৰি তাৰ যথাযথ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবলৈ ব্লক পঞ্চায়তৰ সৃষ্টি কৰা হৈছে।

তাৰ ফলত যিবিলাক ঠাইত জাতীয় সম্প্ৰসাৰণ পৰিকল্পনাৰ ব্লক আছে তাত ব্লক পঞ্চায়ত হ'ব আৰু যিবিলাক ঠাইত তেনে সম্প্ৰসাৰণ আচনি হোৱা নাই সেইটোৱো এটা নহয় আনটো ব্লকৰ অন্তৰ্গত হ'ব। এই পৰিকল্পনাৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ দেশখন কিছুমান ভাগ কৰি ৰখা হৈছে। গতিকে যিবিলাক ঠাইত নাই সেই বিলাকতো হ'ব।

নিৰ্বাচনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত সৰ্বসাধাৰণৰ প্ৰতিনিধিকেই আনাৰ চেষ্টা কৰা হৈছে। এই ব্লক পঞ্চায়তৰ নিৰ্বাচন পৰোক্ষ নিৰ্বাচন বুলি আমাৰ ভটাচাৰ্জী ডাঙৰীয়াই অভিহিত কৰিছে। কিন্তু প্ৰকৃত পক্ষে সেইটো নহয়; ভালকৈ গমি চালে স্পষ্টকৈ ওলাই পৰিব যে ব্লক পঞ্চায়তৰ সদস্য সকলো প্ৰত্যক্ষ ভাবে নিৰ্বাচিত প্ৰতিনিধিয়েই।

বৰ্তমান যিখন পঞ্চায়ত বিল চৰকাৰে আনিছে তাৰ এটা পঞ্চায়ত গোটে তিনটা স্থৰ আছে। এই স্থৰ বিলাকক যদি একোটা বেলেগ বেলেগ গোটে বুলি ধৰা হয় তেতিয়া হলে এই বিলাক স্বতন্ত্ৰ পঞ্চায়তৰ কাৰ্য্য পদ্ধতি আৰু নিৰ্বাচনো বেলেগ হ'ব যেতেন কিন্তু ইয়াত তেনেকুৱা হোৱা নাই। আজি যি বিলাক পঞ্চায়ত হ'ব তাৰ বিভিন্ন এটা স্থৰ তাত পৰোক্ষ নিৰ্বাচন প্ৰথাৰ প্ৰচলনৰ প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে। প্ৰত্যেক গাঁও পঞ্চায়তৰ প্ৰেচিডেণ্ট সকলে ব্লক পঞ্চায়তত প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিব। এওলোক গাঁৱৰ প্ৰত্যক্ষ ভাবে নিৰ্বাচিত প্ৰতিনিধি তাৰ উপৰি নিৰ্দিষ্ট এলাকাৰ এম, এল, এ, সকলেও প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিব। গতিকে ব্লক পঞ্চায়তলৈ নিৰ্বাচিত হৈ আহিব সেই সকল গাঁৱৰেই কম্বী। তেওঁলোকে পোনপতীয়া ভাবে সৰ্বসাধাৰণৰেই প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিব। তেওঁ লোকে ৰাইজৰ মতামত নোহোৱাকৈ স্বতন্ত্ৰ ভাবে কাম কৰিব নোৱাৰে। এই হল আচল অবস্থা।

ইয়াৰ উপৰিও ব্লক পঞ্চায়তত সমবায় সমিতি বোৰৰ পৰা নিৰ্বাচিত প্ৰতিনিধি ব্যবস্থা হৈছে। এইটো এটা ভাল ব্যবস্থা। আমাৰ দেশৰ উন্নতি সাধন কৰিবলৈ হলে এই সমবায় আন্দোলনৰ মৰ্যাদা আগ বঢ়াব লাগিব। সেই কাৰণে মই ভাবে এই ব্লক এলাকাৰ যিবিলাক সমবায় সমিতি আছে তাৰ পৰা আৰু বেচি প্ৰতিনিধি লোৱাৰ ব্যবস্থা থাকিব লাগে। ইয়াৰ বাহিৰেও আৱশ্যক হলে এই ব্লক বা জিলা বিলাকত অন্যান্য যিবিলাক সামাজিক উন্নয়নৰ অনুষ্ঠান আছে সেই বিলাকৰ পৰাও যদি প্ৰতিনিধি অনাৰ ব্যবস্থা কৰিব পৰা হয় তেন্তে ভাল হয়। ইয়াৰ উপৰিও মই অনুৰোধ কৰো যদি সম্ভৱ হয় আজি যি বিলাক মানুহ আজীৱন গঠন মূলক কামত দেশৰ উন্নতিৰ হকে দেশৰ আৰ্থিক অবস্থা সচল কৰিবলৈ কাম কৰি গৈছে তেনে মানুহৰ কিছুমানক প্ৰতিনিধি কৰাৰ ব্যবস্থা কৰিলে ভাল হ'ব ইয়াতে আৰু এটা আসোয়াজ আছে। সেইটো হৈছে ব্লকপঞ্চায়তত যেতিয়া এজনেই Executive Officer আৰু তেওঁৰ পদটো Chief Executive Officer বুলি নামাকৰণ কৰাটো তেনে বিশেষ অৰ্থ নাই। সেইটো Executive Officer বুলি নামাকৰণ কৰিলেই ভাল হয়। Chief শব্দটো লগোৱাৰ পৰা মান হ'ব মাজত Psychological effect হ'ব পাৰে গতিকে Chief Executive Officer ৰ পৰিবৰ্ত্তে Executive Officer কৰিব লাগে। তাৰ লগে লগে সম্ভৱ হলে তেওঁৰ ক্ষমতা কমাই দিব লাগে। কাৰণ আমাৰ একমাত্ৰ উদ্দেশ্য হল ক্ষমতাৰ বিকেন্দ্ৰীত কৰা। এয়ে যদি বিলৰ উদ্দেশ্য হয় তেন্তে প্ৰশ্ন হ'ব পাৰে এজন মানুহৰ হাতত ইমান ক্ষমতা কিয় দিয়ে। গতিকে Executive Officer যি ক্ষমতা দিয়া হৈছে সেই ক্ষমতা গোটেই পঞ্চায়তক ভাগ কৰি দিব লাগে। মোৰ বোধেৰে সকলো পঞ্চায়তে এটা সাবলম্বিগোট হিচাবে যাতে কাম কৰিব পাৰে তাৰ ব্যবস্থা কৰিব লাগে। আৰু এটা কথা ভটাচাৰ্জী ডাঙৰীয়াই উল্লেখ কৰিছে যে ব্লক পঞ্চায়তত আমাৰ এম, এল, এ, সকলকে সন্মত কৰা হৈছে। তেওঁ লোক ৰাইজৰ প্ৰতিনিধি হিচাবে কোনো এটা কমিটিত প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰোঁতে যিমান ক্ষমতা থাকে ইয়াত সিমান ক্ষমতা দিয়া উচিত

বুলি ময়ো বিবেচনা কৰে। এই ব্যবস্থাটো পূৰ্বৰ্তন কৰিব পাৰিনে নোৱাৰি সেইটো বিবেচনা কৰি চাব বুলি মই আশা কৰিলো। ময়ো এই কথাটোত একো যুক্তি দেখা পাই যে আজি Union পঞ্চায়তত D. C. এ কিয় সভাপতি কৰিব লাগে। সম্পূৰ্ণ বিকেন্দ্ৰীভূত ক্ষমতাৰ ওপৰত চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰী এজন কৰ্মকৰ্ত্ত হোৱাৰ যুক্তি ময়ো নেদেখো যদি সম্ভৱ হয় D. C. ৰ পৰিবৰ্ত্তে আমাৰ নিৰ্বাচিত কৰ্মচাৰী এজনৰ হাতত সেই ক্ষমতা অৰ্পণ কৰা যুক্তি যুক্ত কথা। মই মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ক এই কথাটো বিবেচনা কৰিবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰিলো। চৰকাৰী অফিচাৰৰ পৰা প্ৰতিনিধি লোৱাৰ পৰিবৰ্ত্তে চৰকাৰে ৰাইজৰ মাজৰ পৰা মনোনয়ন কৰাৰ ব্যবস্থা কৰাই ভাল। সেইকাৰণে এই বিষয়ে যেন বিশেষ চিন্তা কৰি চায়, আৰু মই সেই মন্ত্ৰে মোৰ পৰামৰ্শ আগ বঢ়ালো। তাৰ পিচত আমি যদি গাঁৱৰ উন্নতি কৰিব খোজো, আমাৰ গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত এলেকাত যিবিলাক সমবায় সমিতি আছে সেই সমবায় সমিতি বিলাকক যিমান খিনি পৰা যায় অনুপ্ৰেৰণা জগাব লাগিব। আৰু সেই ভিত্তিতেই এই ৩টা পঞ্চায়ত গঢ়ি তুলিব লাগিব। আমাৰ গাঁৱৰ উন্নতি অৰনতি এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলাকৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্ভৰ কৰে। এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলাক শক্তিশালী নহলে কোনোৱেই শক্তিশালী হব নোৱাৰে আৰু আমাৰ আদৰ্শয়ো কৃতকাৰ্য্য হব নোৱাৰে। সমবায় সমিতিৰ উন্নতিয়েই আমাৰ গাঁৱৰ উন্নতিৰ পৰিচায়ক। এই সমবায় সমিতি বিলাক পঞ্চায়তৰ আশ্ৰয় নহলে গঢ়ি উঠিব নোৱাৰে। সেই সম্পৰ্কে মই কব খোজো যে আমাৰ মূল উদ্দেশ্য হব লাগিব যে এই পঞ্চায়ত সমূহৰ জড়িয়তে আমাৰ গঢ়ি উঠি য'হা সমবায় সমিতি বিলাকৰ উন্নতি সাধন কৰা। ৰাইজৰ মাজত বিক্ষোভৰ ভাব দেখা গৈছে যে সমবায় সমিতি বিলাকৰ উন্নতি নোহোৱাৰ একমাত্ৰ কাৰণ হল এই সমিতি বিলাকৰ ওপৰত চৰকাৰী হস্তক্ষেপ কলত সমবায় সমিতিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত আমি ৰাইজৰ সহযোগ পাব পৰা নাই। বৰ্ত্তনাণে যিবিলাক Voluntary Co-operative Society আছে তাৰ কিছুমান সৰু সৰু আসোৱাহ লৈয়ে চৰকাৰে হস্তক্ষেপ কৰে তাৰ ফলস্বৰূপে মানুহৰ মনৰ অনুপ্ৰেৰণা হ্ৰাস হয়। গতিকে আজি আমি চাব লাগিব এই সমবায় সমিতি বিলাকৰ উদগতিৰ লগে লগে দেশৰো উন্নতি হব, ৰাইজৰ উন্নতি হয় আৰু সমাজৰো উন্নতি হয়। আজি এই সমবায় সমিতি বিলাক ঠিকভাবে চলিছেনে নাই তালৈ কাৰো লক্ষ্য নাই। মানুহৰ লক্ষ্য হৈছে এই সমবায় ঋণ পাইছেনে নাই।

সেই কাৰণে মই কও যে, আমাৰ সমবায় বিলাকে যিটো মূলনীতিৰ ওপৰত প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত হবলগে সেই নীতিটো ভালকৈ বুজা নাই অথবা বুজিবৰ কাৰণে চেষ্টা কৰা নাই। পঞ্চায়ত বিলাক যদি এই দৰে গঠিত হয় আৰু সমবায় সমিতি বিলাকে যদি সোনোৱাৰ সুবিধা থাকে তেনেহলে সমবায় বিলাকৰো আচল উদ্দেশ্য সফল হব। সেই কাৰণে, গাঁও উন্নয়ন বিভাগৰ মিনিষ্টাৰে এই যে পঞ্চায়ত আইন কৰিবলৈ বিল উত্থাপন কৰিছে তাৰ যি দুই চাৰিটা আসোৱাহ আছে সেই বিলাক চিলেক্ট কমিটিয়ে দূৰ কৰাৰ পিচত যেতিয়া সি আইনত পৰিণত হব তেতিয়া এই আইনে আমাৰ সমাজত সমতা বিলাই দেশত প্ৰকৃত উন্নয়নৰ পথত পঞ্চায়ত বাজ বা গ্ৰামৰাজত শৃষ্টিকৰী দেশৰ মেৰুদণ্ড গাঁও বিলাকৰ প্ৰকৃত উন্নয়ন মূলক কাম হব আৰু ৰাইজৰ সৰ্ব্ব প্ৰকাৰ উন্নতি হব। ইয়াকে কৈ মই এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলখন বাচনি কমিটিলৈ পঠোৱাৰ পক্ষে সমৰ্থন কৰিছোঁ।

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government): Mr. Deputy Speaker, may I just intervene here? It appears that many of the hon. Members are anxious to take part in this debate and we have only one hour and 45 minutes left. Since many of the observations

have been made by hon. Members and many more Members are likely to make further observations, I think, it is only proper that Government should be given an opportunity to say something with regard to these observations and, Sir, it will not be possible for me to complete my reply within one hour. In view of this I would like to know whether we would conclude the session to-day or go on till Monday? Of course in this matter I am completely in your hands and in the hands of the House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It was decided by the Business Advisory Committee of the House that the House would prorogue to-day.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Minister, Education) : I suppose in making the schedule by the Business Advisory Committee these exigencies could not anticipated by them. besides, Sir, there are other important bills to come before the House, if that is so how can we adjourn the House to-day?

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) : As far as the Business Advisory Committee is concerned, in view of this change in the discussions, the Business Advisory Committee can review its own decision. Now, so far as this bill is concerned we could not anticipate that so many hon. Members would take part and we find that many more will like to take part. As the Select Committee will accommodate only 15 members it is right and proper that they should be allowed to speak and so far as the other bills are concerned, they are also important bills which will also take some time of the House. In that case, we shall have to continue the House till Monday.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us continue as far as possible upto 4-00 p. m. and then if we find that it will not be possible to finish the business of the House, we shall have to consider whether the time should be extended till Monday.

Shri JOGAKANTA SARMA (Jaipur) : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আজিৰ এই সদনত পঞ্চায়ত বিলখনৰ আলোচনা প্ৰসঙ্গত মই আপোনালোকৰ আগত এই কথাই দাঙি ধৰিব খুজিছো যে এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলখনৰ আইনত পৰিণত হোৱালৈ বাইজ অতি আগ্ৰহেৰে বৈ আছে। কিজানী এটা শব্দই ইয়াৰ এশাবী কথাই সমাজৰ আমূল পৰিবৰ্তন আনিব পাৰে। সেই দেখিয়েই অলপতে নগাঁৱত বহা সমগ্ৰ অসম পঞ্চায়ত সন্মিলনে এই বিলখন পাচহোৱাৰ আগতে বাইজৰ মতামত লব লাগে বুলি প্ৰস্তাব গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। আৰু বাস্তৱিকতে এই বিলত বাইজৰ মতামত লোৱা নিতান্ত প্ৰয়োজন।

ইফালে লোকেলবৰ্ড ভাঙি যাব : গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত ভাঙি যাব তাত পৰ্য্যচাও নাই, উৎসাহো নাই। আলি, পদুলি, পানী-দুনিৰ ভীষণ বিপৰ্য্যয় ঘটিছে। এই পঞ্চায়ত বিল অতি সোনকালে আইনত পৰিণত কৰি গাঁও সংগঠন নকৰিলে ৰাইজৰ মহা বিপদ হ'ব। গতিকে দুয়োটা কথাৰে সামঞ্জস্য ৰাখি বিলখন চিলেক্স কমিটিত নপঠাই, ৰাইজৰ মতামত লোৱাটোৱেই অতি সমীচীন কথা। বিলখন উত্থাপন কৰোঁতে মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াইও ইয়াৰ ইচ্ছিত দি গৈছে। কিন্তু বিলখন পঢ়ি মোৰ পোন প্ৰথমে এটা কথাটো মনত পৰিছে—তাত ইউনিয়ন পঞ্চায়তৰ সভাপতিজন Deputy Commissioner বা Sub-Deputy Officer ক কৰাৰ কথা আছে। যেতিয়া বুঢ়িছে দেশ শাসন কৰিছিল—তেতিয়া 'আই, চি, এস' (I.C.S.) অফিচাৰৰ বাহিৰে তেওঁলোকে আন কাৰো নিশ্চয় নকৰিছিল। সেই কাৰণেই লোকেলবৰ্ডৰ চেয়াৰ মেন আছিল Deputy Commissioner বা Subdivisional Officer. কিন্তু এতিয়া, সেই শাসন পদ্ধতিৰ হস্তান্তৰৰ পিচত—স্বাধীন ভাৰতত—ভাৰতীয় শাসন পদ্ধতিৰ চাৰি সীমাত—আমাৰ দেশ আমাৰ কথাত অনাচৰকাৰী লোক সকলকে অবিশ্বাস কৰাৰ কি কাৰণ থাকিব পাৰে? যেতিয়া অনাচৰকাৰী লোক প্ৰধান মন্ত্ৰী, মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী হৈ দেশ চলাব পাৰিছে—তেনেস্বলত ইউনিয়ন পঞ্চায়তৰ সভাপতি বাবটো চলাই যাব নোৱাৰিব বুলি ভবাটো অতি আচৰিত কথা নহয়নে? অৱশ্যে আন ফালে এইটোও ঠিক যে, বুঢ়িচৰ যুগৰ কৰ্মচাৰী যি দৰে ভয় বা অবিশ্বাস কৰিব লগা হৈছিল—আজি আমাৰ কৰ্মচাৰী সকলক সেইদৰে ভাবিবৰ কোনো কাৰণ নাই। কিয়নো তেওঁলোকও আমাৰ দেশৰে মানুহ আৰু দেশখন যেনেকৈ আমাৰ, তেওঁবিলাকৰো। গতিকে, যেতিয়া ৰাজ্যখনৰ গুৰিটোৱেই আমাৰ ৰাইজৰ নিৰ্বাচিত প্ৰতিনিধিৰ দ্বাৰা গঠিত তেনেস্বলত দাল পাতলৈ ভয় বা অবিশ্বাস কৰিবৰ কোনো কাৰণ থাকিব নোৱাৰে। Chief Executive Officer ৰ 'Chief' শব্দটোত যদি আপত্তি আছে তেন্তে সেই শব্দটো গুচাই দিলেই হয়। কিন্তু আনি স্বাধীনতা পোৱাৰ পিচত—ৰাইজৰ ভোটলৈ অহা প্ৰতিনিধি সকলে, ৰাইজৰ সেৱাৰ কাৰণে নিয়োগ কৰা চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰী সকলক যদি চলাব নোৱাৰে তেন্তে আমাৰ স্বাধীনতা পোৱাৰ যোগ্যতা থাকিল কত? আমাৰ মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীয়ে যদি চিফ চেক্ৰেটাৰী'ক চলাব নোৱাৰে তেন্তে গণ-তান্ত্ৰিক চৰকাৰ স্থাপনৰ মূল্য কি থাকিল ?

তাৰ পিচত, এতিয়া কথা হৈছে, পঞ্চায়তৰ মূল ক্ষমতা কাৰ হাতত দিয়া হয়—সেইটো বিচাৰ কৰিব লগীয়া। আমাৰ ৰাইজে বেয়া পালেও পাব পাৰে—কিন্তু মই ভাবো, ইমানবোৰ গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত চলাব পৰা মানুহ আমাৰ ভিতৰত তৈয়াৰ হৈ উঠা নাই। গতিকে মাজতে ব্লক পঞ্চায়তকে সম্প্ৰতি বিশেষ ক্ষমতা দিয়াত মাজে-মুখে-কথাটো ভালেই হ'ব বুলি ভাবো।

আনফালে এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলৰ প্ৰধান কথা হৈছে—লেবাৰ টেক্স (Labour tax) অৰ্থাৎ বনুৱা কৰ; অৱশ্যে ইয়াত কেৱল আইনতহে থাকে কাৰ্য্যত নহয়। ইয়াত প্ৰস্তাব কৰা হৈছে—১৮ আৰু ৪০ বছৰৰ ভিতৰত প্ৰত্যেক মতা মানুহেই বছৰি ১২ দিনকৈ কামকৰি দিব লাগিব; নহলে ২৪ দিনৰ কামৰ মজুৰী টেক্স হিচাবে দিব লাগিব। ৰাইজক আইনৰ বলেৰে বনুৱা কৰ ধৰি কামকৰোৱা বা তাৰ সলনি দিনে আঢ়ৈ টকাকৈ বছৰি মানুহ মুৰি ৬০ টকা টেক্স লগোৱাটো নিচেই সাধাৰণ কথা নহয়। এই টেক্সৰ ভাৰটো আহোম বজাৰ দিনৰ নিচিনা হৈছে। তেতিয়া প্ৰত্যেক চাৰিজনৰ এজনে বজাৰ যন্ত্ৰৰ খাতি দিব লগা হৈছিল অৰ্থাৎ বছৰি এজন মানুহে ৯১ দিন (একাঠুৰৈ দিন) খাতি দিব লাগিছিল নাইবা তিন টকা খাজনা দিব লাগিছিল। কিন্তু তাৰ বাহিৰে কোনো বন্ধনৰ খাজনা বা টেক্স নাছিল। এতিয়া ১২ দিন খাতি দিয়া বা ৬০ টকা টেক্স দিয়াৰ উপৰিও নানান টেক্স আছে। গতিকে ইয়াত গোটেই ৰাইজৰ সম্পূৰ্ণ মত থকা উচিত। ৰাইজে স্ব-ইচ্ছাই আলি তুলি দিয়া আৰু আইন কৰি কাম কৰোৱাবলৈ লগোৱা একেটা কথা নহয়।

মই দেখিছো, চিলেক্ট কমিটিত যি ১৫ জন মেম্বাৰৰ নাম দিয়া হৈছে তাত মাত্ৰ তিনিজনহে বনুৱা কৰ (Labour tax) দিব লগা মেম্বাৰৰ নাম পাইছে। গতিকে চিলেক্ট কমিটিৰ এই কথাত বেচি জোৰ নিদিব বুলি ভয়তহে ইয়াৰ বিষয়ে টানি কবলৈ বাধ্য হৈছে। বনুৱা কৰৰ আৰু আন বহুতো কথা আছে। এক হৈছে ১৮ৰ পৰা ৪০ বছৰীয়া লোক সকলে বছৰি ১২ (বাৰ) দিন খাতি দিব লাগিব নাইবা বছৰি ৬০ টকা টেক্স দিব লাগিব।

অন্যফালে ২১ বছৰৰ পৰা ভোট দিব পাৰিব। গতিকে বনুৱা টেক্স দিব লগা মানুহৰ লিষ্ট আৰু ভোটৰ লিষ্ট দুখন কৰিব লগা হ'ব। সেই কাৰণে মোৰ মনেৰে ২১ বছৰ বয়সৰ পৰাহে বনুৱা কৰ ধাৰ্য্য কৰিব লাগে। আৱশ্যক হলে ১৮ বছৰৰ পৰা ৪০ বছৰ ঠাইত ২১ বছৰ আৰু ৪০ বছৰো ধৰি লব পাৰে।

ইয়াৰ নিশেষৰ হ'ব ভোটৰ হলেই বনুৱা টেক্স দিব লগা হ'ব। গতিকে কম বয়সীয়া মানুহ ভোটৰ হ'বলৈ আগ নেবাঢ়িব। ভোটৰ তালিকা আৰু বনুৱা টেক্স দিয়া মানুহৰ তালিকা একেখনেই হ'ব। মোৰ মনেৰে চফা কাপোৰ পিন্ধা লোক সকলে নিজে কাম কৰাতকৈ টেক্স দিবলৈকে বাজী হ'ব। তেনেহলে টেক্স দিয়া টোৱেই ডাঙৰ মানুহৰ হোৱাৰ মাফ কাটি হ'ব। অসমীয়া মানুহৰ স্বভাৱ আপোনালোকে নিশ্চয় জানে। তেওঁলোকে আশ্ব-সন্মান নষ্ট হোৱাতকৈ পেটৰ ভোকত মৰিব পাৰে। আমাৰ বগা কাপোৰ পিন্ধা লোকসকলে এই বাট দেখুৱাই দিলে আমাৰ সব্বনাশ হ'ব। কোনো কাম কৰিবলৈ নেযাব। যি সজ উদ্দেশ্যেৰে এই টেক্স লগাব খুজিছে, সেই আদৰ্শ নষ্ট হ'ব। জাতি পিতা মহাৰা গান্ধীৰ বাণী আছিল "Go back to village গাঁৱলৈ উলটি যোৱা।" তথাপি আমি হো-হো কৰি নগৰলৈকে গৈ আছে। এনে স্থলত যেতিয়া গাঁৱত থকা সকলে বছৰি ৬০ টকাকৈ টেক্স দিব লাগিব, তেতিয়া নগৰলৈ যোৱাৰ দৌত আৰু কিমান প্ৰবল ভাবে চলিব তাৰি চাওঁক।

এই বিলত আৰু এটা কথা আছে যে মতা মানুহেহে বনুৱা টেক্স দিব লাগিব, তিব্বাতা সকলে দিব নেলাগে। তাৰ ফলত তিব্বাতা মানুহে বেচিকৈ ভোটৰ তালিকাত নাম লিখাব আৰু সেই অনুপাতে মতাই নিলিখাব। তেতিয়া মহিলাৰ সংখ্যা পুৰুষতকৈ বেচি হ'ব আৰু ফলত পঞ্চায়ত সমূহত মহিলাৰ প্ৰাধান্যতা স্থাপন হ'ব। শ্ৰীভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই বলৱন্তৰায় মেহতা বিপৰীত মতে মহিলাক বিশেষ সুবিধা এই বিলত নাই দিয়া বুলি যি অভিযোগ আনিছে তাৰ মূল্য কত? (a voice মহিলাৰ প্ৰাধান্যতা আপুনি ভাল নেপায়নেকি)? মোৰ মহিলাৰ প্ৰাধান্যতাত কোনো আপত্তি নাই, মাত্ৰ দেশৰ গতি কোন ফালে ল'ব তাক চোৱা উচিত, পুৰুষ সকলে কাম কৰিব আৰু মহিলাই নেতৃত্ব কৰিব।

তাৰ পিচত গাওঁ পঞ্চায়ত আৰু ব্লক পঞ্চায়ত বিষয় লৈ দুখন তালিকা কৰাত হতা ওপৰা হৈছে। ফলত দুই পঞ্চায়তৰ মাজত দল-হাই বা যুঁজ বাগবো হ'ব পাৰে। বাচনি কমিটিয়ে তাৰ এটা সুদীৰ্ঘ কৰিব বুলি আশা কৰিলো।

এই বিলত পঞ্চায়ত আদালত গঠন কৰাৰ কথা আছে। কিন্তু তাত উকীলে ওকালতি কৰিব নোৱাৰে আনকি উকীলৰ মহবিয়োগ ওকালতি কৰিব নোৱাৰে। ইফালে আমাৰ দেশৰ নেতৃস্থানীয় লোক সকলৰ সব্বহ ভাগেই উকীল। এনে স্থলত উকীল সকলক ইমান অৱিশ্বাস কৰা মই সহিব পৰা নাই। উকীলক বাধ্য দি জানো পাৰিব? চাওঁক ১৫ জন বাচনি কমিটিৰ সদস্যৰ ভিতৰত ৮ জন উকীল

আছে। যিমানৈ আইন নকৰক উকীল সকলে পোনপতীয়াকৈ নহলে আওঁশকীয়াকৈ প্ৰভাৱ বিস্তাৰ কৰিবই। আইন কৰি তেওঁলোকক অবিশ্বাস কৰা নহৈ ভাল পোৱা নাই।

শ্ৰীভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই সমবায় সমিতিৰ সভাপতি সকল লোক পঞ্চায়তত সোমাব বুলি ভয় কৰিছে। সমিতিৰ সভাপতি সকল ৰাইজৰ মনোনীত লোকহে। তেওঁ লোকে সমবায় সমিতিৰ ফালৰ পৰা একোজন প্ৰতিনিধিহে হব। তাত ভয় কৰিবৰ কোনো কাৰণ নাই। বৰঞ্চ এই আইনৰ দ্বাৰা সমবায় সমিতি বোৰক উৎসাহ দিয়াহে হব। সেইটোৱেই কংগ্ৰেছৰ মূল নীতি।

অৱশেষত কওঁ যে কমিউনিষ্ট সভা শ্ৰীযুত গৌৰীশঙ্কৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই গণতন্ত্ৰৰ পক্ষলৈ যি প্ৰাণভৰা বক্তৃতা দিলে তাত নহৈ অতি আনন্দ পাইছো। ভাৰতৰ পানী মাটিৰ এনে মহিমা যে ইয়াত কমিউনিষ্টে ঘোৰ গণতন্ত্ৰী হৈ উঠে। ধন্য ভাৰত।

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARI:** উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আজি যিখন পঞ্চায়ত বিল এই সদনত উপস্থাপন কৰা হৈছে সি এখন অতি গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিল। এই বিলৰ নাম শুনিবলৈ নহৈ ভাবিছিলো যে আমাৰ চৰকাৰে সঁচাকৈ ৰাইজৰ কাৰণে এটা ভাল কাম কৰিবলৈ ওলাইছে পিচে এতিয়া দেখিছো কংগ্ৰেছ চৰকাৰে নামত মহাত্মা গান্ধীৰ কথাকৈ কামত ইংৰাজৰ দৰে কৰে। প্ৰকৃততে এই বিল খনৰ নামটো হব লাগিছিল পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজ কিন্তু এতিয়া নাম দিছে পঞ্চায়ত এক্ট যেহেতু এই বিল জনসাধাৰণৰ কাৰণে ৰচনা কৰা হৈছে, যেহেতু এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰা জনতাৰ যথেষ্ট ক্ষমতা দিবলৈ বিৰো হৈছে সেই বাবেই ইয়াক জনমতৰ কাৰণে পঠোৱা উচিত। সেই কাৰণে শ্ৰীভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো প্ৰস্তাৱ দিছে সেইটো অতি আৱশ্যকীয় আৰু যুক্তিপূৰ্ণ। এই বিল ৰচনা কৰাও গাৱলীয়া ৰাইজৰ পৰামৰ্শ লোৱা আৱশ্যক আৰু সেই পৰামৰ্শ অনুযায়ী বিল খনৰ বহুত উন্নতি সাধন কৰিব পাৰা হলেহেতেন মোৰ কথা হৈছে যে গাৱলীয়া ৰাইজৰ যিটো মত সেইটোৱেই আমাৰো মত হব লাগে আমাৰ মতটোৱেই জনমত হব নোলাগে। জনসাধাৰণে তেওঁলোকৰ ভাগ্য নিৰ্ণয় কৰিবৰ কাৰণেই আমাক প্ৰতিনিধি কৰি পঠাইছে। সেই বাবে আমি জনতাক লৈ খেল খেলা অনুচিত তেওঁলোকক ভৱা দিয়া অন্যায় হব। গাৱলীয়া ৰাইজৰ প্ৰকৃত হিতাকাংক্ষা মহাত্মা গান্ধী যে কি কৈছিল? আমাৰ দেশৰ গুৰু শ্ৰীশঙ্কৰদেৱে কি ভিত্তিত পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজ নিৰ্মাণ কৰিব খুজিছিল সেই বোৰলৈ লক্ষ্য কৰা উচিত আমি কেনেকৈ শোষণৰ পৰা জনতাক ৰক্ষা কৰিব পাৰো সেই টোৱেই উদ্দেশ্য হব লাগে। (Voice—শোষণ কেনে কৰিছে?) (গগুগোল হয়)।

আজি আমি স্বাধীন হৈছো। এই স্বাধীনতাত কংগ্ৰেছে আগ ভাগ লৈছিল। কিন্তু কংগ্ৰেছক আজি জনতাই সমূলি ভাল নেপায়। নিৰ্বাচনৰ সময়ত কংগ্ৰেছক ভোট দিব বুলি কয়, কিন্তু নিদিয়। কাৰণ কংগ্ৰেছৰ ওপৰত তেওঁলোকৰ আস্থা হেৰাই গৈছে, (বিৰাট গগুগোল হয়।) সেই কাৰণে আমি এই কথা জনসাধাৰণক সোধা উচিত আৰু অন্যান্য স্বাধীন ৰাষ্ট্ৰত যেনেকৈ জনতাৰ লগত খাপ খুৱাই আইন ৰচনা কৰিছে সেইদৰে কৰা উচিত হব। গতিকে এই বিল জনমতৰ কাৰণে প্ৰচাৰ কৰি জনসাধাৰণৰ অভিজ্ঞতাৰ মতামত লৈ এই বিলৰ উপযোগীতা নবঢ়োৱাত কি যুক্তি থাকিব পাৰে কব নোৱাৰে।

আমি দেখিছো এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰা নিৰ্বাচনৰ সময়ত কিছু মানৰ কিছু সুবিধাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে যেন লাগে। বৰ্তমান যি খাদ্য সমস্যাৰ আলোচনা হৈছে তাত ওলাই পৰিছে যে চৰকাৰৰ আচনিত গোলমাল আছে। সেই আইন জনমত লৈ তৈয়াৰ কৰা হলে বোধ কৰো বেচি কাম হ'ল হেতেন।

আমি বহুক্ষেত্ৰত দেখিছো যে এই ফালৰ পৰা যি কোনো পৰামৰ্শই আগবঢ়োৱা হয় ভাল হলেও তাক গ্ৰহণ কৰা নহয় আৰু সেই ফালৰ পৰা প্ৰস্তাব আহিলে ভাল হলে আমি সমৰ্থন কৰো। এই বিলখন জনমতত দিলে মই ভাবো কাৰো আগোৱাহ নাথাকে। যদি চৰকাৰ দলে গাঁৱ জোৰেৰে সেইটো বন্ধ কৰি Select কমিটিতে দিয়াৰ সিদ্ধান্ত কৰে তেন্তে কমিটিৰ সদস্য সকলে সাধাৰণতে জনমত গ্ৰহণ কৰিহে বিলৰ বায় দিব। শেহত মই ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই জনমতৰ কাৰণে বিলখন পঠাবলৈ দিয়া প্ৰস্তাবটো সমৰ্থন কৰি সেই প্ৰস্তাব সদনে গ্ৰহণ কৰিব বুলি অনুৰোধ কৰিলো।

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মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, পঞ্চায়ত বিলখন যে Select Committee ত দিয়াৰ সিদ্ধান্ত কৰা প্ৰস্তাবটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰিছো। এই বিলখন পাঁচ নোহোৱা কাৰণে আমাৰ পঞ্চায়ত বিলাকৰ তথা গাঁৱলীয়া ৰাইজৰ যি অন্যান্য হৈছে তাক যোৱা একবছৰে আলোচনা হৈছে। এই বিষয়ে নানা জনমত ইতিমধ্যেই সংগ্ৰহ কৰা হৈছে এই কথা সদনে সকলো সদস্যই জানে। ইয়াৰ বাহিৰেও Select Committee ত এই কাৰণে দিয়া হৈছে যে কিবা ভুল থাকিলে সদস্য সকলে সকলো জনমতেই জানে যেতিয়া শুধৰণী হৈ সোনকালে পাঁচ হব। কিন্তু জনমতৰ কাৰণে দিলে সোনকালে হব নোৱাৰে। এই বিলখন পাঁচ নোহোৱাৰ কাৰণে গাঁৱৰ কুৱা পুৰুষী আলি পদূলিৰ কাম একেবাৰে হোৱা নাই। পঞ্চায়তেও কৰিব নোৱাৰে আৰু লোকে লৰাৰ টকা নাই। পঞ্চায়তে কৰিব বুলি পেলাই থৈছে। গতিকে সকলোবিলাক খেলিমেলি হৈ পৰিছে। গতিকে পঞ্চায়ত আইন যিমান সোনকালে পাঁচ হয় সিমানেই মঙ্গল। গতিকেই মই Select Committee ক দিয়া প্ৰস্তাবটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰিছো আৰু শ্ৰীভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই জনমতৰ কাৰণে বিলখন দিব লাগে বুলি কৰা প্ৰস্তাবটোৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰিছো। বৰ্তমান যিবিলাক গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত আছে তেওঁলোকৰ নিৰ্দিষ্ট কাম নথকাত এনেয়ে বহি আছে। সেই কাম লোকে লৰাৰ টকাও নকৰে গতিকে খেলিমেলি বাঢ়িছে।

মই আৰু দুই চাৰিটা কথা উল্লেখ কৰাৰ খোজো। ব্লক পঞ্চায়তৰ বিষয়ে আলোচনা কৰিছো। এই ব্লক পঞ্চায়ত কৰা নিতান্ত উচিত বুলি মই ভাবো।

আগতে মৌজা বা গাঁও পঞ্চায়তৰ নাম আছিল Rural Panchayat. এই পঞ্চায়তৰ তলত কোনো Technical Personnel ৰাখিব নোৱাৰিছিল। এই লোক সকল জাতীয় সম্প্ৰসাৰণ ব্লকৰ অধীনত আছিল আৰু গাঁৱৰ বহুত কাম এনেয়ে কাৰীকৰী লোকৰ অভাৱত নহৈছিল। এতিয়া এই ব্লক পঞ্চায়তৰ অধীনত গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত থাকিব খেতিয়া সেই বিলাক কাম হব।

কিছুমান কৈছে যে ইয়াত ক্ষমতাৰ বিকেন্দ্ৰীকৰণ হোৱা নাই; কিন্তু মই কৈছো যে কিছুপৰিমাণে বিকেন্দ্ৰীকৰণ নোহোৱা কৈ থকা নাই।

এতিয়া Union Panchayat ৰ বিষয়ে কে আখাৰ মান কও। Union Panchayat ৰ বিষয়ে অনেক ভাবে যে union পঞ্চায়তৰ হাতত বিশেষ ক্ষমতা নাথাকিব। কিন্তু মোৰ মনেৰে আইন তেনে বিশেষ ক্ষমতা union পঞ্চায়তৰ হাতত নিদিলেও যন্ত্ৰতৰ্থিনি ক্ষমতা union পঞ্চায়তৰ হাতলৈ আপোনা আপোনি আহিব। গাঁও পঞ্চায়তত আমাৰ চিডিউল কাষ্ট বা চিডিউল ট্ৰাইবৰ মানুহক representation দিয়া হোৱা নাই, আৰু দিয়াটোও মোৰ মনেৰে ভাল নহয় কাৰণেই এই union পঞ্চায়তত তেওঁলোকক সুবিধা দিব লাগে।

তাৰ পাঁচত union পঞ্চায়তৰ এটা ডাঙৰ অংগোৱাহ মই দেখো যে এই পঞ্চায়তে বৃহৎ আকাৰ ধাৰণ কৰিব পাৰে আকৌ আন হাতে কোনো কোনখন আকৌ একেবাৰে সৰু হব পাৰে। যিবিলাক মহকুমাত জনসংখ্যা বেচি সেই বিলাক মহকুমাৰ পঞ্চায়ত বোৰ বৃহৎ হৈ পৰিব আৰু কম জনসংখ্যাৰ মহকুমাত union পঞ্চায়ত সৰু হৈ পৰিব। গত Deputy Commissioner বা Subdivisional Officer এই পঞ্চায়তৰ সভাপতি কৰাৰ কথা কোৱা হৈছে। মোৰ মনেৰে Deputy Commissioner বা Subdivisional Officer ৰ সভাপতি কৰা উচিত নহয় কাৰণ এই অনুস্থানৰ প্ৰধান উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে স্থানীয় নেতা তৈয়াৰ কৰা। গতিকে Deputy Commissioner বা Subdivisional Officer ৰ হাতত বিশেষ ক্ষমতা যদি দিয়া হয় তেনেহলে এই union পঞ্চায়ত বিলাক আমাৰ স্কুল বোৰ্ড বিলাকৰ নিচিনা হব। সেই কাৰণে union পঞ্চায়ত, Block পঞ্চায়ত বোৰ যাতে স্কুল বোৰ্ডৰ নিচিনা নহয় সেইটো যাতে Select কমিটিয়ে চাব। গোটেই act খনৰ মূল কথা বা উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে স্থানীয় নেতৃত্ব তৈয়াৰ কৰা, গতিকে মূল উদ্দেশ্যটো যাতে কুৰা নহয় সেই কথাটোও Select কমিটিয়ে বিবেচনা কৰিব বুলি আশা কৰিলো। মোৰ আনটো কথা হল Rural পঞ্চায়ত Block পঞ্চায়ত আৰু union পঞ্চায়ত বোৰৰ কাম বোৰ নিৰ্দিষ্ট ভাবে ভাগ কৰি দিয়া একান্ত উচিত হব। আমি নিজ অভিজ্ঞতাৰ পৰা দেখিয়েই আছো অনেক সময়ত দেখা যায় water supply ৰ কামত কামটো কেনে কৰিব Local Board য়ে কৰিব নে community project এ কৰিব তাৰ ঠিকনাই নাই কিয়া হয়। সেই খেলিমেলি বোৰ চাফা কৰি দিয়াটো একান্ত প্ৰয়োজন। আমাৰ গাঁৱলীয়া পঞ্চায়ত বিলাকত যি সকল সভাপতি বা চেৰেক্টাৰী আছিল তেওঁলোকে এই পঞ্চায়ত ভাঙি দিয়াত আপত্তি কৰিছিল। এতিয়া চৰকাৰে এই বিষয়ে টোত মধ্যস্থতা কৰাটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰো। এই নতুন ব্যৱস্থাৰ দ্বাৰা অৰ্থাৎ এই বিলখনৰ মতে ওপৰৰ Body ডাঙৰ আৰু তলৰ Body টো সৰু হোৱাৰ কাৰণে তলৰ Body ৰ দায়িত্ব বাঢ়িব। এই বিলত যিখিনি কথা বদলি কৰিব লগীয়া আছে সেইখিনি বদলি কৰি সোনকালে যাতে বিলখন পাচ হয় আমি সকলোৱে তাৰ চেষ্টা কৰা উচিত। এইখিনি কথাৰে মোৰ কব লগীয়া আছিল।

Shri KHAGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri):

মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, পঞ্চায়ত বিলখন Select কমিটিৰ পঠোৱা সম্বন্ধে যিটো প্ৰস্তাব বিভাগীয় মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে এই সদনত সদস্য সকলৰ আগত দাঙি ধৰিছে তাৰ ওপৰত মই কিছু কথা কবলৈ ঠিয় হৈছো। স্বাধীনতাৰ পিচত ভাৰতৰ জনসাধাৰণে আশা কৰিছিল ভাৰতৰ বৃটিশ শাসনৰ মূল পদ্ধতিৰ আমূল পৰিবৰ্ত্তন হব। এই পৰিবৰ্ত্তনৰ আশ্বাস আমাৰ ডাঙৰ ডাঙৰ নেতা সকলে বাইজকদি বাণী প্ৰচাৰ কৰিছিল যে ভাৰতীয় শাসন বাইজৰ কাৰণে ৰাম ৰাজ্য হব আৰু তাৰপিচত শোষণ হ'লয়ে, আমাৰ শাসন সমাজ তান্ত্ৰিক সমাজ ব্যৱস্থাৰ ওপৰত প্ৰতিস্থিত হব আৰু ক্ষমতা বিকেন্দ্ৰীকৰণ কৰা হব। এনে নীতিৰে শাসন পৰিবৰ্ত্তন কৰাটো দূৰৰে কথা আমোলাত্মীকতাৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তিকৰী আজি এই বিল অনাটাইছে আৰু জনসাধাৰণক এই ভাব দিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিছে যে, চৰকাৰে এনে বাইজৰ মঙ্গলজনক কাম কৰিবলৈ এই আইনৰ দ্বাৰা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে যি, ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই আমাৰ গ্ৰামাঞ্চলত গ্ৰাম্যৰাজ বা পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজ প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত হব আৰু ই বাইজৰ কল্যাণ সাধন কৰিব।

কিন্তু Statement of object and reasons ত কোৱা হৈছে যে.....

“In the organisational level for planning, implementation and development of programme, as far as funds from Government Department would be available.”

এইটো যদি ভালকৈ চিন্তা কৰি চোৱা যায় তেনেহলে ইয়াৰ পৰা এইটোকেই বুজিব লাগে যে ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা কিছুমান আলি পদূলি বন্ধা, পুখুৰি বন্ধা আদি কিছুমান কাম হ'ব ইয়াৰ বাহিৰে বাইজৰ একো কল্যাণ মূলক সামাজিক অথবা আৰ্থিক উন্নতিৰ কাম হোৱাৰ আশা নাই ইয়াৰ কাৰণ কি? মই ইয়াৰ উত্তৰ হিচাবে, আপোনা সকলৰ আগত এই কথাই কব খুজিছো যে বৃটিশৰ দিনত সৃষ্টি হোৱা বিদেশী পুজিপতি সামন্ত ভাৰতীয় আৰু ধনিক শ্ৰেণী আৰু দ্বিতীয়তে, মেহনতী কিও দৰিদ্ৰ কৃষক শ্ৰমিকশ্ৰেণী আৰু কেৰাণী, মহৰী আদি কৰি অন্য মধ্যবিত্ত শ্ৰেণীৰ মাজত দন্দ যেতিয়ালৈকে থাকিব তেতিয়ালৈকে এই ধৰণৰ শোষণক আৰু আমোলাতাত্ত্বিক শাসন ব্যৱস্থা চলি থাকিব কোনো কালেই সমাজৰ কল্যাণ সাধন হ'ব নোৱাৰে আৰু ই কেতিয়াও সমাজ তাত্ত্বিক সমাজ ব্যৱস্থাৰ সমাল যোগাৰ নোৱাৰে। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত মই ইয়াকো উল্লেখ কৰিব খোজো যে আমাৰ ভাৰতীয় সংবিধানতো আঙ্গোৱাহ থাকি গৈছে আৰু ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই ওপৰত উল্লেখ কৰা ধনিক শ্ৰেণীক বেচি সুবিধা দি আহিছে আৰু ই ভাৰতীয় শাসনৰ সংবিধান সন্মত, বাইজৰ উন্নতিৰ নিৰুদ্ধে ঠিয় দিয়া এটা প্ৰতিবন্ধক স্বৰূপ কেবোণ। কাজেই এই সংবিধান অনুযায়ী অন্য যি কোনো প্ৰচেষ্টাই বাইজৰ কল্যাণ জনক নহয়। এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলখনত কৃষক বাইজৰ উন্নতিৰ হকে মাটি জমিদাৰ বা মাটিমালিকৰ পৰা গ্ৰান্টৰ পৰা অধিগ্ৰহণ কৰি বা বিজাতি আদিৰ মাটি ভূমিহীন কৃষকৰ মাজত বিতৰণ কৰাৰ ক্ষমতা নাই অথবা পুজিপতি সকলৰ পুজিৰ পৰা 'টেক্স' কাটি আনি বাইজক সহায় কৰাৰো কোনো ক্ষমতা নাই, যদিও ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই চৰকাৰে বাইজক বাম ৰাজ্য দিবলৈ পাঙিছে।

এতিয়া আকৌ চাওক ইয়াৰ চেক্ৰেটাৰী জনক চৰকাৰে ওপৰৰ পৰা নিয়োগ কৰিবলৈ সিদ্ধান্ত কৰিছে। এনে কৰিলে চেক্ৰেটাৰী আৰু পঞ্চায়তৰ মেম্বাৰ সকলৰ মাজত প্ৰতি মুহূৰ্ত্তেই বিৰোধ ভাব চলি থাকিব আৰু ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম চলাবলৈ যাওতে কন্দলৰ সৃষ্টি হ'ব কাৰণ চেক্ৰেটাৰীয়ে ভাবিব তেওঁ ছিলংৰ পৰা নিযুক্ত হৈছে আৰু তেওঁৰ মতামত অধিক শক্তিশালী। এই দৰেই বেমেজালিৰ সৃষ্টি হ'ব আৰু পঞ্চায়তৰ কামত বাধা পৰিব। ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই আমোলা তাত্ত্বিকতা দূৰ কৰি প্ৰস্তাবিত পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজ স্বাপনৰ উদ্দেশ্যত বাধা পৰিব আৰু পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজ ব্যৰ্থ হ'ব। আকৌ ইউনিয়ন পঞ্চায়ত বিলাকৰো চেক্ৰেটাৰী চৰকাৰে নিয়োগ কৰিব। Appointment of Secretary, Page 28, Section 9—Every dispute as to the age and residence will be decided by the Gaon Panchayat Secretary.

এই ক্ষেত্ৰতো কামত গওগোল আৰু কন্দলৰ সৃষ্টি নহৈ নোৱাৰিব কাৰণ সকলো-বিলাকৰ চূড়ান্ত সিদ্ধান্ত দিব চেক্ৰেটাৰীয়ে, পঞ্চায়তে নহয়। কাৰণ পঞ্চায়তৰ ক্ষমতা নাই।

(Voice—আপুনিৰ খং কৰিছে)

হয়—আপোনালোকেই উদ্ৰেক কৰিছে আশাকৰো মোক বজুতা দি যাবলৈ পথ দিব তাৰ পিচত 'ৰেড টেপিজমৰ' মেম্বাৰক হাত মাৰিবলৈ টান হ'ব কাৰণ যিবিলাক সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱাহ'ব বা উপনিত হ'ব সেই বিলাক ফাইলৰ ভিতৰতে সীমাবদ্ধ হৈ কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰা পলম হ'ব।

আকৌ গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ চেক্ৰেটাৰী সম্বন্ধত চাওক—Section 32—Page "

“The meeting will be called by the Secretary, Gaon Panchayat who shall send copies of the proceedings of all Deputy Commissioner or the Subdivisional officer but not to the Block Panchayat or the Union Panchayat.”

গাঁও পঞ্চায়তক যি বিলাক ‘প্রচিদিংচ’ হব সেই বিলাক পঠাব Deputy Commissioner বা Subdivisional Officer লৈ Block বা Union পঞ্চায়তলৈ নহয়। এই পট অনুসৰণ কৰোতে অভ্যু ফাইলৰ মেম্বৰপাকত সোমাই শীঘ্ৰে কাম হোৱাটো দৰবে কথা চৰকাৰী সিদ্ধান্তই ওলাই নাহিব। এই দৰেই ৰাইজৰ কল্যাণ জনক কাম কৰিবলৈ বাধা আহি পৰিব। কাষেই এই পঞ্চায়ত বিল নিৰ্বৰ্ধক প্ৰমাণ কৰিব।

উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, কবলগীয়া বহুতো আছিল যদিও সময়ত অভাবৰ হেতু বিশদ আলোচনালৈ নগৈ মাত্ৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয় কেইটা মান Section ৰ আলোচনা কৰিম।

(Voices: সময় হব; ভালটো আলোচনা কৰক)

ইয়াৰ পাচত গাঁও পঞ্চায়তৰ Executive সম্বন্ধে চাওক—Section—9 Subdivision 1—Every Gaon Panchayat in the prescribed manner from the among the members.

এই কনিট গাঁৱৰ পৰা নিৰ্বাচিত বুলি কৈছে কিন্তু কি পদ্ধতিত হব যেনে, বেলটৰ দ্বাৰাইনে, মুকলী ভাবেই নে নাই হাত দাঙি তাত কোনো পৰামৰ্শ নাই।

ইয়াৰ পাচত Section 14—চাওক—Secretary, Gaon Panchayat “Subject to the approval of the Deputy Commissioner or the Subdivisional Officer as the case may be, the Executive Committee of a Gaon Panchayat may appoint of Secretary for every Gaon Panchayat or more than one Gaon Panchayat.”

এই বিলাক (Delete) ‘দিলিট’ কৰা দৰ্কাৰ কাৰণ গাঁওৰ জন সাধাৰণৰ নিৰ্বাচন কৰাৰ ক্ষমতা এই ‘বিলে’ দিয়া নাই।

Sec. 15 (1) “At least 3 days’ Notice of the meeting and its agenda shall be given to the members by word of mouth after a warning beat of drums or megaphone or loudspeaker.” ইয়াত মুখেৰে চিয়ৰিবলৈ কোৱা হৈছে নাইবা ঢোল বজাই জাননী দিবলৈ কোৱা হৈছে। হাতেৰে লিখি জনাবলৈ কোৱা নাই। বিয়া-সৰাহ আৰু উৎসৱতহে ঢোল বজায়। ঢোল মৃদং বজাই জাননী দিওঁতে যত খৰছ কৰিব ছাপা জাননীত কম পৰিব আৰু প্ৰচাৰ স্থায়ী আৰু কাৰ্য্যকৰী হব।

Sec. 22—A Block Panchayat shall have an office and a Chief Executive Officer appointed by the State Government who shall be the *ex-Officio* Secretary and shall be responsible for its maintenance. মেম্বৰ সকলৰ প্ৰশংসনীয় কাৰ্য্যত মোটেই হাত নাই আনকি সমৰ্থনো বিচৰা হোৱা নাই। তেওঁতে পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজ হব কল্পনটোক ?

Sec. 30 (4) No person who has been removed from office under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for re-election to the vacancy so created. কিয় পুনৰ নিৰ্বাচিত হবলৈ দিয়া নহব ? পঞ্চায়তৰ কোনোজন সদস্য হব কংগ্ৰেছ আৰু কোনো জন হয়তো হব চাৰিয়েলিষ্ট বা কমিউনিষ্ট । মনোমালিন্য হলে নাইবা আন কিবা কাৰণত ওচৰ লগা হয়, কিন্তু পুনৰ নিৰ্বাচিত হবলৈ কিয় নিদিব ? বহাৰ এজন লোকে Executive Committee ৰ বিৰুদ্ধে অভিযোগ আনিছিল কাৰণে তেওঁক তাৰ পৰা আতৰোৱা হ'ল । তেওঁৰ নাম হৈছে শ্ৰীমোহন হাজৰীকা । সেইবাবে তেনে মানুহ যাতে পুনৰ সোমাব নোৱাৰে তাৰ বৃদ্ধি পাতিছে ।

Sec. 32 (1) The meeting of a Union or Block Panchayat shall be called by the Secretary of the respective Panchayats ইয়াত সভাপতিৰ মতামতো লব নেলাগে, সম্পাদকেই সকলো কৰিব পাৰিব কাৰণ তেওঁ হৈছে ওপৰৰ পৰা পতা সম্পাদক । লগতে, এইটো অনুচ্ছেদ Sec. 36 ৰ লগত সানমিহলি হৈছে । গতিকে যি কোনো এটাহে ৰাখিব লাগে । সভাপতিৰ পূৰ্বা সম্মতিতহে মিটিং আহ্বান কৰিব পৰা ব্যবস্থা থাকিব লাগে ।

আৰু এটা কথা যে Union পঞ্চায়ত আৰু Block পঞ্চায়তৰ মাজত সীমাংসা কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা থকা উচিত, নহলে কামত বেমেজালি হ'ব । একেটা কামকে দুই পঞ্চায়তে কৰিব বা কোনেও কাৰো কথা নুশুনিব ।

Sec. 35 — for the organisation, inspection and supervision of the working of a Gaon Panchayat, the State Government may appoint such officer or offices পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম চাবৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কিছুমান বিষয়া নিযুক্ত কৰিব । এইটো ঠিক হোৱা নাই । ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা ভেটি খোৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থাই কৰা হৈছে । এই বিষয়াবোৰৰ ওপৰত অনাস্থা হোৱাৰ কাৰণেই সমবায়ৰ ওপৰতো ৰাইজৰ আস্থা হেৰাই গৈছে ।

Sec. 40 A (2)—Gaon Panchayat or Block Panchayat may appeal to the Commissioner The decision of the Commissioner shall be final. পঞ্চায়তৰ আপীল কিয় একেবাবে কমিচনাৰৰ ওচৰ পাবগৈ লাগে । মই ভাবো এনেবোৰ কথাৰ বিচাৰ বা সীমাংসাৰ আলোচনাৰ যোগেদি হ'ব লাগে । গাঁও বা ব্লক বা ইউনিয়ন পঞ্চায়তৰ মাজত মনোমালিন্য ঘটিলে দুয়ো পঞ্চায়তৰ অধিবেশন মাতিব লাগে বা সমান প্ৰতিনিধি লৈ আলোচনাৰ যোগেদি সীমাংসা কৰিব লাগে । নহলে পঞ্চায়তক ক্ষমতা দিয়াৰ কোনো অৰ্থ নাই ।

Sec. 48—Any member, officer or employee of a Gaon or Block or Union Panchayat may enter into or upon any house building or land, with or without assistants or workmen, in order to make any inspection or execute any work under any provision of this Act; ইয়াত গনতন্ত্ৰৰ নীতি বৈছেনে নাই মোৰ সন্দেহ । বিপুল হৰ্ষধ্বনী) কেতিয়া কোন সময়ত মেম্বৰ বা বিষয়া ঘৰৰ ভিতৰ সোমাব পাৰে তাৰ কোনো নিৰ্দেশ নাই । লগত সাক্ষী নোলোৱাকৈ মানুহৰ ঘৰত নিশাও বা দিনতো সোমাবলৈ দিয়া ন্যায় হোৱা নাই ।

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : It has been stated at 48 (a) "no such entry shall be made between sunset and sunrise".

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BORBARUAH (Amguri) : Sec.91 "the Deputy Commissioner or the S.D.O. as the case may be, shall select five persons to act as members of the Panchayati Adalat or a panel of members.....তেওঁলোকক আদালতৰ মেম্বৰ বাচিবলৈ দিয়া উচিত হোৱা নাই। তেওঁলোক ওপৰৰ পৰা অহা অফিচাৰ গাঁৱলীয়া মানুহৰ অৱস্থা কি বুজে ? এইটো নিৰ্বাচন হোৱা উচিত।

Sec. 93 (1) A member of a Panchayati Adalat may resign by submitting his resignation in writing etc. etc. এইটো গুচাই দিব পাৰি। নহলে পঞ্চায়ত কৰা বা উদ্দেশ্য কি ? আজি ভাত এমুঠিৰ কাৰণেই অসমে দিল্লীৰ ওচৰত হাত পাতিছে আৰু দিল্লীয়ে হাত পাতিছে বৰ্মা চীন, আমেৰিকাৰ ওচৰত। এইটো হাত সৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থাহে কৰা হৈছে।

গতিকে আজি যিখন পঞ্চায়ত বিল অনা হৈছে সি ৰাইজৰ আকাংক্ষাৰ হিচাবে অকনো হোৱা নাই তাৰ দ্বাৰা ৰাইজক অকনো ক্ষমতা দিয়া হোৱা নাই। সেইটো ধৰা পৰাৰ ভয়ত জনমতৰ কাৰণে দিবলৈ ভয় পাইছে। ইয়াত কেৱল কিছুমান দলৰ স্বার্থৰক্ষা কৰা বহু—এই বিল ৰাইজৰ মতামতৰ কাৰণে পথাৰ লাগে।

Shri PAKHIRAI DEKA [Panery (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বাৰ আমি পঞ্চায়ত বিল পাচ কৰিব পাৰিম বুলি আহিছিলো। দুখৰ বিষয় পঞ্চায়ত এনেভাবে হৈ আছে আৰু লোকেন্স বোৰ্ড ভাঙিব কিন্তু পঞ্চায়তৰো স্বায়ত্ব শাসনৰ ক্ষমতা নাপাকিব বুলি মই ভবা নাছিল।

এজন চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে সকলো পঞ্চায়তৰ ক্ষমতা পাব ই বোৰ দুখৰ কথা ইয়াৰ পৰা বুজা যায় যে ক্ষমতাৰ বিকেন্দ্ৰীকৰণ হওক চাৰি বেটিকৈ কেন্দ্ৰীভূতহে কৰা হ'ল। আজি লোকেন্সবোৰ্ডত ৰাইজৰ একোজন মেম্বাৰ যাবলৈ সুবিধা আজিলৈ কিন্তু এতিয়া পঞ্চায়তত ৰাইজক বেচি ক্ষমতা দিবলৈ গৈ ৰাইজৰ প্ৰতিনিধিকেই নোহোৱা কৰিলে।

তাৰ পিচত এই পঞ্চায়তত চৰকাৰে Nomination দিব। আমি স্কুল বোৰ্ডত nominate কৰা সদস্যই কিমান কৰিছে সেই বিষয়ে আমাৰ তিত্ত অভিজ্ঞতা আছে। বৰ্তমান যিবিলাক পঞ্চায়ত হ'ব তাত ৰাইজৰ কি ক্ষমতা থাকিব আমি বিল দেখিয়েই গম পাইছো।

মহামানৱ মহাত্মা গান্ধীয়ে যি পঞ্চায়ত গঢ়াৰ কথা ভাবিছিল এতিয়া তাৰ বিপৰিতহে হ'ল। আজি যদি তেখেত জীয়াই থাকিল হেতেন আমি গৈ আপত্তি কৰিব পাৰিলো হেতেন। মই কও এই আইনৰ কাৰণে কংগ্ৰেছ চৰকাৰ দায়ী হ'ব লাগিব।

নিৰ্বাচন পদ্ধতি কৰিছে তাত অনুন্নত সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ এজন প্ৰতিনিধিও যাব নোৱাৰে। ব্লক পঞ্চায়তত সংখ্যালঘু সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ এজন প্ৰতিনিধিও যাব নোৱাৰে এইটো ধুকপ কথা। এইটো চৰকাৰে পুণৰ ভাবি চাব। আজি লোকেন্সবোৰ্ডত ট্ৰাইবেল সকলৰ ৭৮ জন সদস্য আছিল তেনেকৈ অনুসূচিত জাতিৰো সদস্য আছিল বৰ্তমান এই আইনত এজনো Union পঞ্চায়তত যাব নোৱাৰে।

তেনেকৈ Nominated কথাটো বৰ বেয়া। সদায় দেখিছো Nominated member সকল বেয়া মানুহ। সেই কাৰণে মই কও যে আইন কৰোতে আমাৰ নিজৰ স্বার্থ চালে নহ'ব দেশৰ স্বার্থ চাব লাগিব।

এই বিলাকলৈ চাই মই কও যে বিলখন জনমতৰ কাৰণে প্ৰচাৰ কৰিব লাগে। সোনকালে পাচ নহলেই যেতিয়া আৰু অৱদিন পৰম হৈ বিলখন আৰু ভাল হওক।

এনেকৈ যদি এই বিলখন পাচ হয় তেন্তে ৰাইজৰ উপকাৰত নাহে। N.E.S. Grow More Food আচ নিত কি হল? যি বিলাক কৃষিৰূপ দিয়া হৈছিল সেই বিলাক পঞ্চায়তৰ জৰিয়তে দিয়া হ'ব বুলি কৈছিল কিন্তু নহল কোনোবা মন্ত্ৰীৰ কথাকৈ নিলে কোনোবাই বিভাগীয় কৰ্মচাৰীৰ কথাকৈ নিলে। ফলত ধনী আৰু ডাঙৰ মহাজনে সকলে পালে গৰীবে দুখীয়া খেতিয়কে নাপালে।

আমাৰ N.E.S. টো গৰীব খেতিয়কে নাপালে। তেনেকৈ আজি পঞ্চায়তৰ ক্ষমতাও যদি এজন অফিচাৰৰ হাতত দিয়া হয়, সেইটোৰ অবস্থা কি হ'ব তাক ভাবিব নোৱাৰি।

সেই কাৰণে এই বিলখন জনমতৰ কাৰণে প্ৰচাৰ কৰা প্ৰস্তাবটো সমৰ্থন কৰি সামৰণী মাৰিলো।

Shri HARINARAYAN BORUA (Teok): মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা যিখন পঞ্চায়ত বিলখন এই সদনত উপস্থাপিত কৰিছে তাৰ বাবে মই গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টক ধন্যবাদ দিছো। আজি এই পঞ্চায়ত আইনখন দেশত প্ৰচাৰ কৰিব পাৰিলে আমাৰ শাসনকাৰ্য্য অতি সুবিধা হৈ পৰিব। এই আইন আৰু আগতে হোৱা হলে ভাল আছিল। কিন্তু কিছুমান অসুবিধা হোৱাত পলম হলেও এই বিষয়টো সদনত দাঙি ধৰা হৈছে। এই আইনৰ বিষয়ে আজি ধীৰ স্থিৰ ভাবে আলোচনা কৰিলে আমি দেশৰ শাসন ক্ষেত্ৰত যিটো আমূল পৰিবৰ্তন আনিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিছো বা শাসন বিকেন্দ্ৰীভূত কৰাৰ কথা ভাবিছো তাত বহুত যুঁত পৰি যাব। আজি এই আইনৰ আলোচনা ক্ষেত্ৰত এই সদনৰ সদস্য সকলে বহুত চিন্তা কৰিয়েই আলোচনাত যোগদান দিছে। কিন্তু মাছে মাছে দেখা গৈছে আইন খনত কিছু বদলীৰ দৰকাৰ সেই কাৰণে জনমতৰ কাৰণে পঠোৱা বাঞ্ছনীয়। কিন্তু ২১ জন সভাই তাৰ সুবিধা লৈ বিকৃতভাৱে বিলখন ব্যাখ্যা কৰিছে তাতহে মই আচৰি হৈছো। লগে লগে এই কথাটো সন্দেহ হৈছে যে এনেকুৱা ব্যাখ্যা দি আইন খনৰ যিটো আচল উদ্দেশ্য সেই উদ্দেশ্যটোৰ প্ৰতি তেখেত সকলে মনোযোগ দিছে নে নাই? যেনে পঠোৱাই ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে কংগ্ৰেছে বা কংগ্ৰেছ চৰকাৰে নিৰ্বাচনৰ আগে আগে এনেকুৱা বিলাক নতুন চাল খেনে, কিন্তু আমি বুজিছো তেখেতৰ এনে উক্তি কৰাৰ উদ্দেশ্য কি? কিন্তু তেখেত সকলে দেশৰ এনেকুৱা এটা সদ কামৰ পথত নিজৰ স্বার্থ সিদ্ধিৰ উদ্দেশ্যে এনেকুৱা মন্তব্য কৰা উচিত নহয়। মোৰ বন্ধু বৰবৰুৱা ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে এজন Deputy Commissioner বা Subdivisional Officer ই পঞ্চায়তৰ চেক্ৰেটাৰীক বৰখাস্ত কৰিব পাৰিব, ইয়াৰ বাবে তেখেতে যুঁত উলিয়াইছে। কিন্তু মোৰ মনেৰে ইয়াত কোনো খঁত নাই কাৰণ এজন চেক্ৰেটাৰীয়ে যদি পঞ্চায়তৰ ধন অসৎ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে তেনেহলে Head of the Administration ৰ তেনেকুৱা দোষ কৰা তলতীয়া কৰ্মচাৰীৰ ওপৰত সেই ক্ষমতা খটোৱাটো কেনেকৈ খুঁত হ'ব পাৰে। সেই কথাত আপত্তি কৰাৰ কোনো কাৰণ মই দেখা নাই। আমি মনত ৰাখিব লাগিব আজি আমি পঞ্চায়ত পাতিবলৈ ওলাইছো গাঁৱলীয়া জনসাধাৰণৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে, গতিকে আমি চাব লাগিব যাতে এই পঞ্চায়ত ধনীক শ্ৰেণীৰ দ্বাৰা পৰিচালিত হ'ব নোৱাৰিব, সেই কাৰণেই চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা কিছু পৰিমাণৰ পৰিদৰ্শন কৰা ভাল। শ্ৰীযুত পাখিৰায় ডাঙৰীয়াই যিখন গাঁৱৰ পৰা আহিছে তাত কোটিপতি, ধনী মানুহ নাই, থিক তেনেকুৱা যিবিলাক আওঁ হতিয়া গাওঁ আছে তাতো ধনী কোটিপতি নাই; কিন্তু চৰকাৰে যিবিলাক কোটিপতি ধনী আছে তেওঁলোকৰ পৰা ধন আনিব কাৰণে Death duty Income-tax ইত্যাদিৰ ব্যৱস্থা যি উদ্দেশ্যেৰে কৰিছে ঠিক তেনেকৈয়ে দুখীয়া জনসাধাৰণৰ সুবিধাৰ

কাৰণে এই পক্ষীয়ত আইন প্ৰস্তত কৰিবলৈ ওলাইছে। মোট কথা এই আইনৰ আলোচনাত যোগ দিবলৈ গৈ তেখেত সকলে এনে ধৰণৰ কথা কোৱাত আমি দুৰ পাইছো। এইটো ঠিক কথা যে আজি আমি যিখন আইনৰ বিষয়ে আলোচনা কৰি আছো সেই আইন খন অতি প্ৰয়োজনীয় হৈ পৰিছে।

Extension of business of the House till 1st September, 1958

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, order. It is 4 O' Clock now. According to the Business Advisory Committee's recommendation, we had to finish to-day, but as I find that several members have taken part in the discussion of this very important Bill and some more members are anxious to take part, I think we will have to extend the Session. I would like to be guided by the decision of the House and I would like to know whether we should extend till the 1st September or even beyond that. I think the Hon'ble Minister will take one hour for reply. We shall have no questions on the 1st September; so from 10 to 11 O' Clock the Minister may reply. In that case, we shall have 3½ hours for other business.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Sir, so far as the discussion on this Bill are concerned, besides the Minister other members, who are not in the Select Committee, may also like to speak. So, one hour may be allotted for them and one hour for the Minister concerned.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That means we continue discussion on this Bill till 12; then we shall have two and half-hours for finishing the remaining business.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, you have rightly observed that we will have to extend our Session to the first of September and I am glad that the hon. Leader of the Opposition has also agreed to it. Therefore, my submission is that let us sit on the 1st September and upto 12 we discuss this Bill; the Hon'ble Minister may kindly be allotted an hour for his reply. After that we hope it will be possible to finish the rest of the outstanding business in course of the 2½ hours which will be left to us.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it agreed?
(Voices—Yes, Sir.)

Adjournment

The Assembly then adjourned till 10 A.M. on Monday the 1st September, 1958.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

Proceedings of the Fourth Session of the Assam
Legislative Assembly assembled after the Second
General Election under the Sovereign
Democratic Republican Constitu-
tion of India

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong,
at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 1st September, 1958.

PRESENT

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah, B.A., LL.B., Speaker in the
Chair, seven Ministers, four Deputy Ministers and sixty
Members.

Calling attention to matter of urgent Public Import-
ance regarding the situation arising out of
mismanagement of the
Bidynagar Tea Estate

Mr. SPEAKER: Calling to attention motion by Shri
Bishwanath Upadhyaya. I would request the hon. Member
to be brief.

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi): माननीय
अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस विधान सभा के नियम ५४ के अनुसार मैं एक अत्यन्त गुरुत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न
के बारे में सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। और साथ ही इस प्रश्नपर
उचित रूपसे विचार करके इसका उचित समाधान करने के लिये मैं सरकार से विनम्र
अनुरोध करता हूँ। आपको मालूम है कि काछाड़ जिलेके विद्यानगर चाय बगान में पिछले
कई वर्षोंसे बहुत बड़ी धांधली चल रही है। इस बारे में मैंने इस सदन में कई प्रश्न
पुछे भी थे। उनमें से एक-दो प्रश्नों के उत्तर मुझे मिले हैं। मुझे सख्त अफसोस है
कि मेरे बाकी प्रश्नों के जवाब देने के कष्ट सरकार ने नहीं किये हैं.....

Mr. SPEAKER: आप इन सारी बातों का बयान नहीं कर सकते।
आप मुख्तसर कीजिये।

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA: जी हां! मैं यही कहना
चाहता हूँ कि इस बगान में बड़ी मनमानी चल रही है। इन चीजों की जांच करने के लिये
सरकार की ओर से एक कमेटी वहां गई थी। और इस कमेटी ने अपनी रिपोर्ट
सरकार की सेवा में दाखिल भी की है। किन्तु हम उस रिपोर्ट के बारे में कुछ भी मालूम नहीं
हो सका है। हम जानना चाहते हैं कि कमेटी ह्व क्या रिपोर्ट सरकार को दी है और
सरकार उस रिपोर्टपर कौन सी कारवाई कर रही है?

सन् १९५१ में ही सरकार ने यह बगान अपने हाथ में लिया और इसकी देखभाल कर रही है। उसी समय सरकार की ओर से एक मैनेजर नियुक्त हुवे थे और वे सज्जन इस बगान की देखभाल कर रहे थे। किन्तु उन्होंने बगान में अपनी मनमानी चलाई और बगान को घाटा पहुँचाया। इस अभियोग के कारण वे बगान के मैनेजर के पद से हटा दिये गये। उसके बाद सन् १९५३ में एक दूसरे सज्जन मैनेजर के पद में नियुक्त हुवे। लेकिन उन्होंने भी अपनी मनमानी करना शुरू किया। और बगान में हर तरह की धांधलीवाजी होने लगी। इस बारे में बार-बार सरकार का ध्यान आर्कषित करने पर भी उसका कोई नतीजा नहीं निकला। हमने इस बारे में लिखित अभियोग दिया। सरकार के पास बार-बार Telegram दिया। किन्तु यह बड़े ही दुःख की बात है कि किसीने इस बारे में कोई ध्यान नहीं दिया।

इस बारे में मुझे वहाँ की पंचायत ने एक चिट्ठी भेजी है। उसे मैं आप लोगों को पढ़के सुना दूँ ताकि आपलोग इस बगान में चलनेवाली सारी धांधलीवाजियों से (corruption) बाकिफ हो सके। ताकि आपलोगों को मालूम हो जाय कि इस बगान में कैसे मनमानी चल रही है।

In this connection I would like to read out the letter dated the 19th August, 1958 addressed to me by the President, Bidyanagar garden Panchayat.

“We have just now despatched a telegram to you intimating to you that the Tilla babu and the Tea-House babu are still employing garden labourers for their personal work such as paddy cultivation and home work, etc.

Further we have to inform you that the Manager has been a bit alert and has, recently, despatched some of his furnitures to his home and has also removed two truck load of furnitures to the residence of his brother-in-law who is at present employed at Oliviacherra Tea Estate. We understand that these furnitures have been sent there for sale. These furnitures were made of garden planks and mistries.

He has also sold all his cows, goats and hens we are afraid that unless immediate enquiry is made in this connection it would be very difficult for the Government to seize these properties. The liabilities of Rs. 6000/7000 on A/C of making.....”

Mr. SPEAKER : Regarding Calling to Attention Motion I have already requested the hon. Member to be brief so that the hon. Minister-in-charge may give his reply.

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) : मेरे कहने का मतलब यह है कि इन सारे अभियोगों पर सरकार का ध्यान आर्कषित करने पर भी सरकार ने इसके बारे में कोई भी कारवाई नहीं की। हम नहीं समझ सकते कि इसका क्या कारण है? हम जानना चाहते हैं कि इस बगान में बराबर क्यों घाटा हो रहा है? इस बारे में मैं सरकार को बताना चाहता हूँ कि इस बगान के १०० श्रमिक बगान में नहीं, बल्कि मैनेजर के बंगले में काम करते हैं।

बगान के बाबूनांगों के घरमें इन्हें काम करना पड़ता है। यहां तक कि बगान के सरदारों के घरों में भी इन्हीं से काम लिया जाता है। और मैनेजर, के घर में भी ये कौन सा काम करते हैं? उनकी गायों के लिये घास-चारा लाते हैं। उनके घरके पानी के टंकी में पानी भरते हैं। और मैनेजर के बंगले के बगीचेमें काम करते हैं। लेकिन बगान की ओर से ही इन्हें वेतन मिलता है। इस तरह आप देखेंगे कि इन श्रमिकों में से हरेक को हप्तेवार ८ रुपये ४ आने के हिसाब से वेतन दिया जाय तो करीब ४८ हजार रुपये बगान के नामपर बेकार खर्च होते हैं। इन रुपयों से बगान का कोई काम नहीं होता, और यह घाटा बगान को ही सहना पड़ता है। अलावा इसके बगान के ठेकेदारों को भी काफी रुपया देना पड़ता है। हमने हिसाब लगाके देखा है कि इस बगान के १ लाख रुपये या उससे भी अधिक, अर्थात् सवा लाख रुपये बेकार खर्च किये जाते हैं। हम जानना चाहते हैं कि यह चोरी क्यों होती है। इस चोरी को बन्द करने के लिये सरकार ने कौनसी कारवाई की है? मैं कहना चाहता हूं और मुझे पूरा विश्वास है कि अगर इस तरह की चोरियां और धांधलीबाजियां न होती तो इस बगान को घाटे पड़ने का मौका कभी न आता।

आपको मालूम होना चाहिये कि विद्यानगर चाय बगान के मैनेजर के बंगले की मांग-सब्जी, मुरगी और मुरगी के अंडे वगैरह बाजार में बेचे जाते हैं। इन चीजों को बेचने के लिये भी कई श्रमिकों को खटना पड़ता है। इस तरह बहुत से लोग बगान के नामपर खटते हैं। किन्तु दरअसल इनसे बगान का कोई काम नहीं होता। किन्तु बगान की ओर से ही इनको वेतन दिया जाता है। यहां तक कि इस बगान के श्रमिक बाहर के बगानों में काम करते हैं। किन्तु इन श्रमिकों को भी इसी बगान से ही वेतन नहीं मिलता है। इस तरह की धांधलीबाजी चले तो बगान में घाटा न होगा तो क्या होगा? आज इस बगान में इस तरह की धांधलीबाजी चल रही है, और वहां के बाबू तथा अन्य अधिकारियों का पाकिट भर रहा है। अगर इसी तरह का रवैया इस बगान में चलता रहे तो हमें कोई शक नहीं है कि बगान को घाटा होता ही रहेगा और यहां तक कि बगान बिलकुल नष्ट हो जायेगा।

Mr. SPEAKER : आप दस मिनट बोल चुके हैं। आप अपने point का मुख्तसर बयान करें। इस तरह के लंबे भाषण का मौका नहीं रहता है।

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi): अध्यक्ष महोदय ! जो सब सेबड़ी बात मैं कहना चाहता हूं, वह यह है कि कंपनी की ओर से जिन श्रमिकों को जमीन दी जा रही थी वे अब वहां से निकाले जा रहे हैं। बगान के श्रमिकों को निकाल कर दूसरे लोगों को जमीन दी जा रही है। आप को अचरज होगा कि बगान के अधिकारी इस तरह जमीन का बंटवारा करके भी पैसा कमाने का रास्ता निकाल रहे हैं। वे लोगों को जमीन देते हैं और उनसे हर बिघा जमीन के लिये दो-दो-तीन-तीन सौ रुपये की सलामी ले रहे हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि किसके हुक्म से ये सब हो रहे हैं? मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूं कि इस धांधलीबाजी को बन्द करने के लिये सरकार कौन सी कारवाई कर रही है? अध्यक्ष महोदय ! जो श्रमिक इस तरह बगान से निकाले जाते हैं पर भी अपनी जमीन नहीं छोड़ रहे हैं उनपर मुकद्दमा चलाया जा रहा है। मुकद्दमा भी कौन लड़ रहा है। बगान के अधिकारी नहीं ! बल्कि बाहर के ठेकेदार। इस तरह बगान के गरीब श्रमिकों को बहुत परेशान किया जा रहा है। मैं चाहता हूं कि इन सारी बातों की जल्द-से-जल्द कोई जांच हो, और जो दोषी हैं उनपर उचित कारवाई की जाय।